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Hyderabad's cheetah link

The spotted cats were kept as pets by the historic city's nobility

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Religious tourism gets a push in J&K

The Union Territory administration is offering special packages for the ongoing Navaratri festival to extend the stay of Hindu pilgrims

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Nearly 43% of tourists to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir are pilgrims to two Hindu shrines – Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Amarnath in Kashmir. Their trips are usually short – an average pilgrim spends three or four days, arriving mostly by flight in Srinagar or Jammu, and then travelling by road to the base camps for Amarnath or at Katra, respectively.

Now, in the ongoing period of Navaratri, during which there's a significant surge in pilgrims to Vaishno Devi, the administration is trying to encourage visitors to stay longer and see more within J&K.

The new attractions include *Mata Ki Chauki* (singing of devotional songs in praise of the mother goddess), daily Ramlila shows, *prabhat pheris* (in Katra, morning religious processions featuring artistes from different States), decorated 'Shiva-Parvati' tableaux with folk dances from different States, laser shows, *garba* dancing nights, devotional song competitions, and special tourist packages to sites across the Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

Travel time: New attractions such as *Mata Ki Chauki* and *Ramlila* shows, and special tourist packages to places across Jammu and Kashmir are being planned. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We have tied up with tour operators and other stakeholders to offer special short packages," Amarjeet Singh, Special Secretary, J&K Tourism, told *The Hindu*.

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PM launches 5G, calls it start of a new era

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mobile phone users in the country will soon be able to experience ultra high-speed Internet using 5G wireless technology, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching the next-generation mobile network on Saturday.

"Today, on behalf of the country, and the country's telecom industry, 130 crore Indians are getting a wonderful gift in the form of 5G. 5G is a knock on the doors of a new era in the country. It is the beginning of an infinite sky of opportunities," Mr. Modi said while launching the service at the India Mobile Congress. Mukesh Ambani, CMD, Reliance Industries Ltd.; Sunil Bharti Mittal, chairman, Bharti Enterprises; and Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group, shared the stage with Mr. Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the India Mobile Congress in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

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September GST revenues rise 26% amid imports surge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gross Goods and Services Tax collections in September rose 26% year-on-year to ₹1,47,686 crore, with revenue from goods imports jumping 39% and that from domestic transactions and services imports yielding 22% more than in September 2021.

This is the seventh successive month that revenues from the indirect tax have remained above ₹1.4 lakh crore.

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Kharge urges Sonia to pick new leader in RS

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Hours after filing his nomination form for the Congress presidential election on Friday, Mallikarjun Kharge sent in his resignation from the post of the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha to party chief Sonia Gandhi. Though he did so in keeping with the "one man, one post" principle, his office said he wanted Ms. Gandhi to choose the party's leader in Rajya Sabha.

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NEARBY

KEA announces CET-2022 revised rank list

BENGALURU
The revised CET rank list announced by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) as per the High Court's decision on Saturday saw only one repeater student of the 2021 academic year getting a spot in the top 500 rank list. Tejas Pratap, a CBSE student, got 490 rank in the revised CET-2022 list, which is up from his rank of 750.
The KEA has included 2,281 spot ranks for CBSE and ICSE freshers.

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Large arena: A Kachhi Rabari with his herd at the Bhed Mata camel fair near Bhuj in Kutch in September.

Camel fair

The annual market is steeped in tradition and devotion of Kachhi Rabaris for the goddess Bhed Mata

Vijay Soneji
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The dark monsoon clouds keep shutting out the sun on the eve of the annual Bhed Mata Mela, the camel fair that plays out on the hills of Sanosara, a small village some 35 km off Bhuj in Kutch in September. There is excitement in the air and two young Rabari girls, Hetal and Rajal, climb the tallest hill in the village willing the sun to set so that the next day welcomes the mela, just two km from their village.

While there are plenty of livestock fairs in the country, the camel fair here is different as it closely linked to the worship of Bhed Mata. The Rabaris partake in the mega "Kheer" prasad made of camel milk and take blessings of the goddess for a bountiful year and good health of humans and camels, says Lakhan Rabari, 18, who owns a camel and works as a health worker in a private hospital in Bhuj.

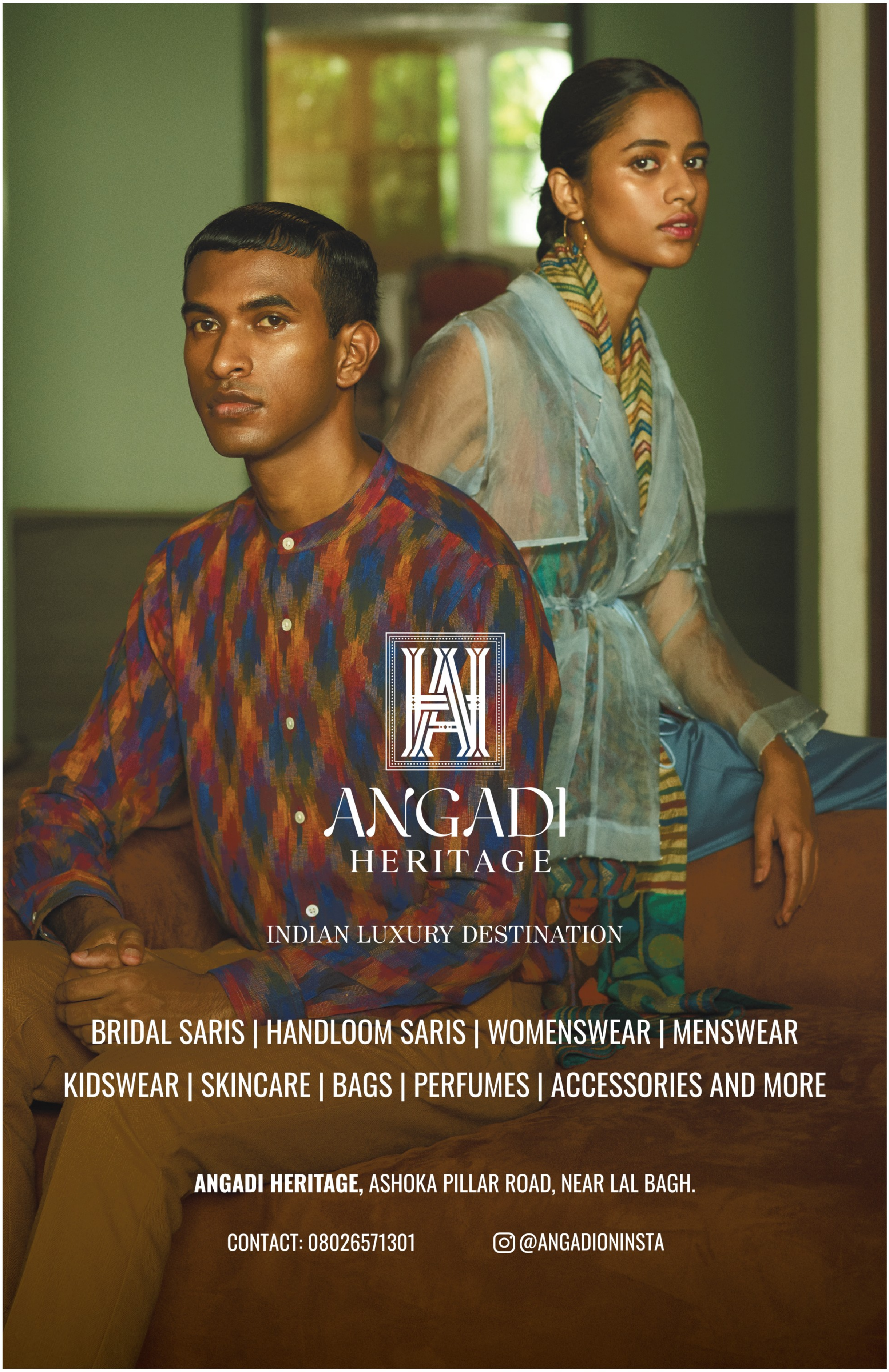
Rabaris are nomads that follow the rain in search for good pasture for cattle, travelling east from Gujarat to Rajasthan and go well into Uttar Pradesh.

It has rained well this year. The smiles on the faces of the Kachhi Rabaris are a giveaway that the year has been good. Normally, the Kutch region of Gujarat receives very less rain, making it highly likely for people, including the Rabaris, to migrate with their camel. In Sanosara, the population is mostly of the Kachhi Rabaris. The village has 500 houses, not one of them with a concrete ceiling. They depend on camels for a living. During drought years, many of them are forced to switch over to other business.

Musical days: Women sing bhajans during the fair.

Full of devotion: Kachhi Rabari women return from the Bhed Mata temple during the fair.

Slaking the thirst: Camels brought to the fair take a swig from a channel.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INBRIEF

Customs officials in KIA seize iPhones being smuggled

Customs Department officials on Saturday caught a man trying to smuggle smartphones and recovered 16 iPhones from him.

The passenger landed at Kempegowda International Airport from Bangkok and was walking out with his bag when the officials, based on a specific intelligence, intercepted him.

The police recovered the bag he was carrying and found iPhone 14 Pro Max along with the boxes. According to the police, each phone cost is estimated at around ₹96,000 outside India, while in the country, the phone costs much more. The Customs officials have taken the passenger into custody to ascertain his background and his network.

Gambling racket operating from a tea stall unearthed

The High Grounds police on Saturday busted a gambling racket and arrested a group of four operating from a tea stall at SJ Park.

Based on a tip off, a team raided the shop and arrested the bookies identified as Basha, Babu, Saleem and Sameer. The police also recovered ₹9,000 and two mobile phones from them. The accused were operating on behalf of K. Senthil, who is presently on the run. Efforts are on to track down the accused, a police officer said.

Habitual offender involved in 34 robberies arrested

The Ashoknagar police on Saturday arrested a 38-year-old habitual offender involved in 38 robberies reported in and around the city .

The accused has been identified as Asif Khan, who was on the run for the last three years without attending court hearings. It had announced him a proclaimed offender and directed the police to track him down and produce him before the court.

Based on the court directions, a special team was formed, which tracked down the accused and arrested him on Saturday. He will be produced before the court for necessary directions, a police officer said.

Bengaluru sees huge drop in Swachh Survekshan ranking, takes 43rd place

Last year, the city ranked 28th among 48 cities that had more than 10 lakh population

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city got good scores for daily sweeping of residential areas and cleanliness of market areas. FILE PHOTO

Non-possession of two certifications and delay in furnishing quarterly details by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) proved dear for Bengaluru in the Swachh Survekshan rating 2022 that was released on Saturday by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The city managed to secure the 43rd national rank by scoring 2,892.98 out of 7500. Bengaluru was one among the 45 cities with a population of above 10 lakh that was surveyed for ranking. Last year, Bengaluru ranked 28th among 48 cities that had more than 10 lakh population. It had scored 3,585.56 points out of 6,000.

Interestingly, the BBMP did not meet the criteria on Garbage Free Cities certificate and Water Plus (treatment of sewage and re-use of wastewater), and hence, did not apply for the certification.

The only certification the BBMP had was on Open Defecation Free (ODF). Because of this, out of 2250 marks for certification, the BBMP scored only 600. Not providing quarterly details on "service level progress" as mandated by the Ministry also resulted in poor scoring.

Out of the 3,000 scores, the BBMP scored 1309.61. In the "citizen voice", the BBMP scored 983.37 marks out of 2250 marks.

The citizen voice results shows the BBMP received poor grades in cleanliness of public toilets, while the citizen redressal system still remains a major concern and cleanliness of drains is not satisfactory. The BBMP has received good scores for non-availability of open garbage dumps, daily sweeping of residential areas, cleanliness of market areas, segregated door to door collections and others.

Change in parameters

Special Commissioner of BBMP Harish Kumar said, "This time, the marking parameters have been changed while giving the ranking. Bengaluru had to compete with other cities that have more than a 10 lakh population, whereas earlier we were competing with mega cities. We could not compete with two certification categories as we were not eligible. Due to issues with a consultancy that was roped in to furnish details to the ministry on a quarterly basis, we lost marks. When it comes to public opinion, the BBMP has scored good marks in various categories. However, in future, we will address the issues and fare well in the ranking."

Need for internal team

Reacting to the ranking, citizen activist V. Ramaprasad said, "The BBMP should have a robust internal team to better the Swachh Survekshan ranking instead of employing private consultancies that have a conflict of interest. The Swachh Survekashan is a year-long exercise and close follow-up is needed. When it comes to citizen's voice, the BBMP has to fix all the shortcomings and address the issues faced by the citizens. I also say Bengaluru, which has over 1.2 crore population, competing with the cities that have over 10 lakh population cannot be fair competition."

Mysuru comes up tops

Mysuru city has been ranked the cleanest among the medium-sized cities in the country with a population between 3 lakh and 10 lakh as per the Swachh Survekshan ranking for 2022 announced on Saturday.

Mysuru was also adjudged 8th cleanest among all urban local bodies with a population above 1 lakh, an improvement over the previous year's ranking when it had slid to 15th place nationally.

The city has also been ranked 2nd cleanest - after Tirupathi - among cities with a population between 1 lakh and 10 lakh, as per the survey ranking. This is an improvement over the previous year's ranking when Mysuru was ranked 7th in the same category.

Reacting to the developments from Delhi MCC Commissioner Lakshmikanth Reddy said once the legacy waste and the C and D waste are cleared, Mysuru's ranking will improve.

MCC Health Officer D.G. Nagaraj said the credit goes to pourakarmikas and the zeal shown by the councillors and the citizens.

Govt. earns excise revenue of ₹14,653 cr. in first half of current fiscal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government's excise revenue during the first half of the current financial year (2022-23) stood at ₹14,653.81 crore, an increase by 18.21% compared to the previous year (2021-22).

The State earned revenue of ₹12,396.07 crore during the first six months of 2021-22, according to data provided by the Excise Department.

During April-September 2022, revenue earned from sales of liquor and beer was 50.53% of the targeted revenue of ₹29,000 crore for the financial year 2022-23.

Indian Made Liquor sales

The figures for Indian Made Liquor (IML) show that sales increased to 339.49 lakh carton boxes (CBs) during April-September this year against 314.99 lakh carton boxes during the same period last year, an increase of 24.50%.

Beer sales

A total of 183.96 CBs of beer was sold during April-September this year against 110.35 CBs during the same period last year, an increase of 73.61%.

'Techceleration 2022' to be held

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Taking forward the 'Beyond Bengaluru' concept, a two-day event initiated and coordinated by Karnataka Digital Economy Mission will be held in Hubballi on Sunday and Monday to display the progress achieved and deliberate upon the way forward.

KDEM CEO Sanjeev Gupta said 'Techceleration-2022' would bring together industry leaders, start-ups and businesses.

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'Act does not allow advocates to park vehicles on court premises'

Special Correspondent
BENGALURU

The Advocates' Act, 1961, does not confer any right to advocates to park their vehicles inside the court premises as Section 30 of the Act only confers the right on the advocates to practice, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while dismissing a PIL petition filed by N.S. Vijayanth Babu, a Bengaluru-based advocate.

Association's move

The petitioner had questioned the move of the Advocates' Association, Bengaluru (AAB), to issue stickers to its members to affix on their two and four wheeler vehicles for the purpose of entry in to the parking areas within the premises of the courts in Bengaluru.

The petitioner has said that move of the association impacts the advocates who travel from other places to argue their cases in the courts in Bengaluru as parking would be restricted only to the members of the AAB, which is issuing stickers for availing parking facility in the premises of the courts in the city.

It has been contended in the petition that restricting entry of vehicles of only the members of the AAB would violate the right to practice guaranteed to an advocate under Section 30 of the Advocates Act. However, the Bench made it clear that even if a sticker is issued to an advocate who is member of the AAB, the same does not guarantee that the advocate is entitled to parking space in the premises of the court.

It noted that AAB's move to issue stickers for vehicles appears to be to regulate entry of vehicles used by the advocates and is intended to find a solution to the parking problems faced by them.

Need for regulation

"The parking space on the premises of the court is limited and the entry of the vehicles needs to be regulated," the Bench said while pointing out that the petitioner has not provided particulars of advocates who visit the courts in Bengaluru.

The AAB, which has around 20,000 advocates on its rolls, is charging ₹500 per sticker for four-wheelers and ₹200 per sticker for two-wheelers. A member can avail a maximum of two stickers each for both categories of the vehicles by providing necessary document. The sticker is valid for three years.

Private bus operators continue to fleece passengers in Karnataka

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

On Saturday, ticket prices ranged from ₹1,500 to ₹1,700 to travel from Bengaluru to Mangaluru, while to Hyderabad, the fare was up to ₹2,500 to ₹2,700, whereas the Bengaluru to Belagavi price touched ₹3,500. FILE PHOTO

Like every festive season, private bus operators continue to fleece passengers by charging exorbitant fares for long distance travellers.

For example, on Saturday, ticket prices ranged from ₹1,500 to ₹1,700 for travelling from Bengaluru to Mangaluru, while to Hyderabad, the fare was up to ₹2,500 to ₹2,700, whereas the Bengaluru to Belagavi price touched ₹3,500.

A few days ago, the Transport Minister and department officials had warned of taking stern action against private operators if they charged hefty fares.

Officials of the department said that drives have been carried across the State against private bus operators charging exorbitant fares.

Additional Commissioner (enforcement) of Transport Department C. Mallikarjuna told *The Hindu* that in Bengaluru, 220 cases were booked against private bus operators for charging a hefty fare, violating permit norms and other reasons. "We have received over 20 complaints from the general public about the operators charging hefty fares. Our officials carried out drives at various locations. They also found out that contract carriage buses are violating permit norms and ferrying passengers," said the official.

Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar said, "Bus operators have maintained that when private airlines are allowed to charge dynamic pricing, why are private bus operators not allowed to do the same. There are no rules that allow private bus operators to charge dynamic pricing. During the festive season too, they should charge fares that are collected on normal days. Our officials are taking action by carrying out drives across the State."

'Not helpful'

Passengers said that the department's warning and action against the operators is not helpful,

"Action against operators is of little use. Taking advantage of the situation, hapless passengers are fleeced during the festive season," said Shiva Prakash, a passenger.

Admissions for courses in Gandhian studies see an increase

Shankar Bennur
Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU/MYSURU

It might be the 153rd Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations this year, but those who follow in his footsteps and read about his life say that his thoughts and principles have always remained relevant.

"My mother was a history teacher and we used to have a lot of discussions about Mahatma Gandhi and B.R. Ambedkar. This prompted me to take up Gandhian Studies as an open elective during my postgraduation. I discovered a new perspective of Gandhi through the course on why he put forth schemes like Nai Thaleem and Gramodyoga yojana," said Harshitha Urs, an English lecturer at Mount Carmel College. She studied Gandhian studies in Bangalore University between 2015 and 2017.

Gandhi Bhavan

Around 70 to 100 people used to visit the Gandhi Bhavan at Bangalore University for their degree courses or open elective studies. However, as the numbers decreased, the degree course was scrapped around three years ago, and the subject was kept as an open elective only for postgraduation students. Today, only 10 to 12 students visit the centre every year.

"We have opened a Centre for Gandhian Studies at every college under BU and we have covered almost 70% of colleges. The rest will get them soon. Even if they do not come to Gandhi Bhavan, many events around Gandhi's life and teachings are frequently organised at these centres," said Nataraj Huliyar, Director of Centre for Gandhian Studies.

Courses in Gandhian studies

On the other hand, at one of the oldest centers on Gandhiji, in the century-old University of Mysore (UoM) in Manasagangotri campus, admissions for courses offered on Gandhian studies at Gandhi Bhavan – one of the country's foremost institutions established for spreading the message of Mahatma Gandhi in 1965 – has seen a marginal rise.

The Centre for Gandhian Studies at Gandhi Bhavan offers an MA in Peace and Conflict Resolution (PCR), Diploma in Gandhian Studies, and also PhD programme in Gandhian Studies. The intake of seats for MA and diploma programmes is 21 and 14 respectively. Though admissions are less than the intake, the number of admissions has improved.

Last year, 17 students took admission for MA while 12 opted for the diploma course. In 2020, the admission for MA was 12 and diploma, 6. The seat intake was more earlier but was reduced owing to a fall in admissions.

Gandhi Bhavan is hoping for a rise in admissions in 2022-23.

"The courses that promise jobs are in demand and attract students. Those who wish to know more about Gandhiji and his principles come to us for admissions. The course on peace and conflict resolution is recognized internationally and students get jobs in the government sector, peace organisations and NGOs. Every year, a couple of foreign students take admission to the PCR course," said Gandhi Bhavan Director M. Shankara.

Invoking the divine: A Kachhi Rabari woman prays for the good health of her camel herd.

Welcome scene: Renewing friendships at the fair.

Traders' tips: Camel traders in deep discussion.

Over tea: Camel traders have a word with each other.

Shared destination: Camels and Rabari women on their way to the fair.

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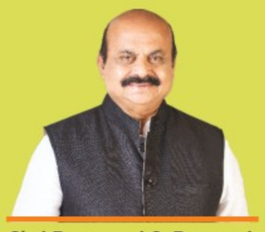
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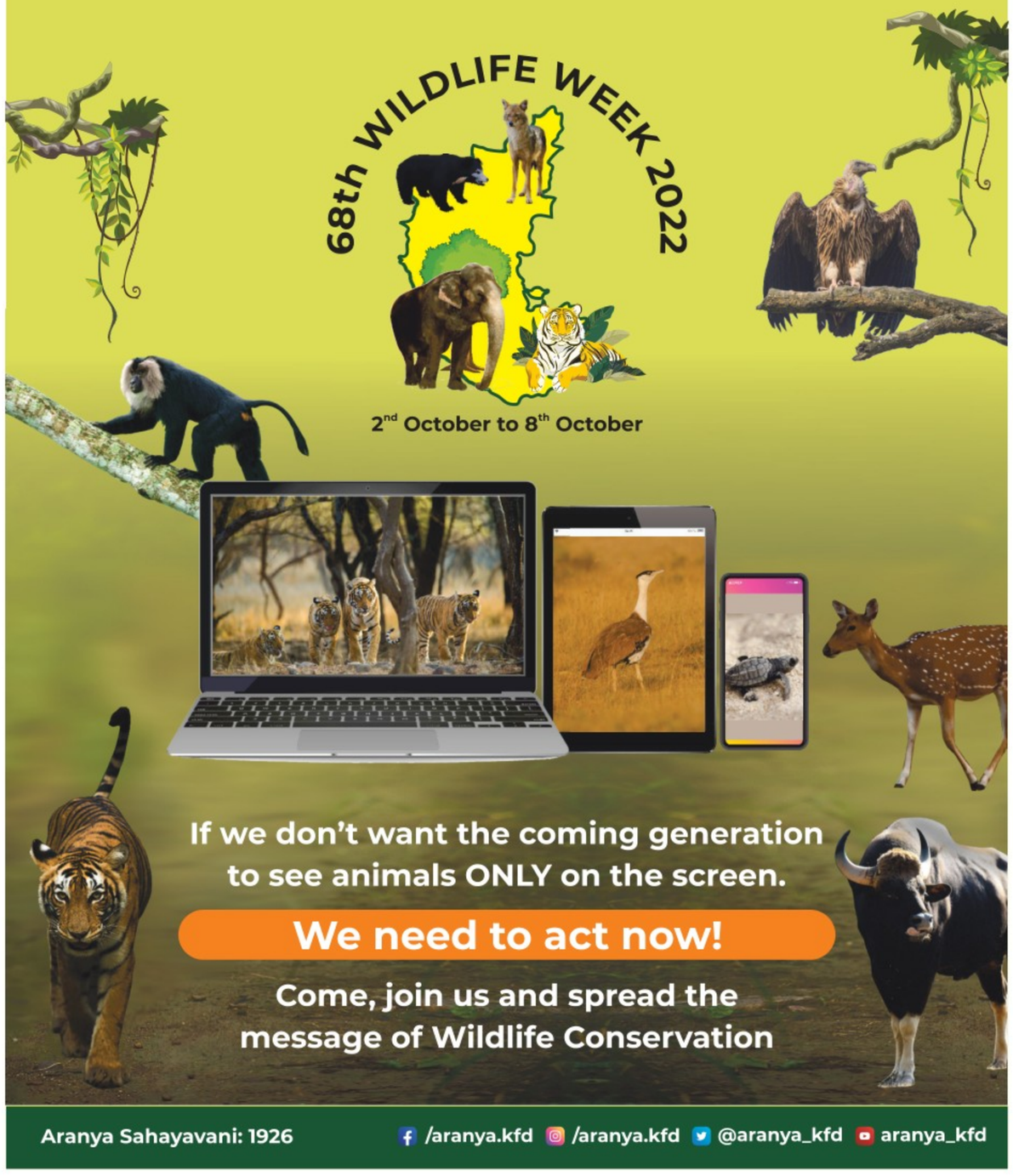

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for the supply of Surgicals and other items for the period of one year to the K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital and P.K.T.B. & C.D. Hospital which are associated hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 01.10.2022 and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is 30.11.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected. If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean, Mysore Medical College and Research Institure, Mysuru.

DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/532/2022-23

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RDW&S DEPARTMENT
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Office And EE : 08226-226054, E-mail : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 11/2022-23, Dated : 30-09-2022

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagar Invites for the **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF MULTI VILLAGE WATER SCHEME FOR PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY TO 131 VILLAGES AND ENROUTE 32 VILLAGES IN GUNDLUPET TALUK OF CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT.** for Eligible Class-II & Above General Category Contractors having (Civil Licence PWD/PRED) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Notification includes **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF MULTI VILLAGE WATER SCHEME,** Estimated amount Put to tender of Cost **Rs.362.62** Lakhs. Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal Only. All rights reserved with Executive Engineer to accept or reject the tender notification. Date and Time of Publication of Tender - 30.09.2022 Onwards, Last date of Submission of bids- 31.10.2022 @ 17.00 hrs, Pre Bid meeting to be held on 12.10.2022 @ 11.00 hrs Venue: Office of Superintendent Engineer, RDW&SD Circle, Mysore - 570023 or through E-mail: eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com, Time & Date of Opening of Technical Bids 02.11.2022 @ 11:00 hrs and Financial Bid - After Successful completion of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division Chamarajanagara

DIPR : CHANAGAR:325:2022-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer
(Lakes-South), Room No.308, 3rd Floor,
Annex Building-3, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No: EE-(Lakes-South)/Tend-03/2022-23 Date: 01.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GoK E-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

The tender document can be downloaded from the GoK E-Procurement website (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non-refundable) in the form of e-payment through E-Procurement Platform. The tenderer should accompany a copy of the Registration Certificate valid up to the year of 2023 and shall be submitted through E-Procurement Portal (Standard tender bid document).

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. value of work (Rs in Lakhs.)	EMD (in Rupees)	Eligibility of contractor and category
1.	Maintenance of Kempambudhi Lake	30.00	60000.00	Class-III & Above
2.	Maintenance of Deepanjali Lake	10.00	25000.00	Class-IV & Above
3.	Maintenance of Byrasandra (Chikkapete) Lakes	10.00	12500.00	Class- IV & Above (ST Category)
4.	Maintenance of Deepanjali Lake STP	15.00	37500.00	Class-IV & Above
5.	Maintenance of Mestripalya Lake	20.00	20000.00	Class- IV & Above (ST Category)
6.	Maintenance & Fencing to Gowdanapalya Lake	30.00	60000.00	Class-III & Above
7.	Maintenance of Begur Lake	40.00	40000.00	Class-III & Above (ST Category)

Stipulated period of completion : 12 Months for each works.
Calendar of Events: (1) Available of Tender Document: 03.10.2022 after 10.00 hours. (2) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 17.10.2022 up to 16.00 hours. (3) Opening of tender bid : 19.10.2022 at 16.30 hours.
Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Lakes-South)

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Govt of Karnataka
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ– 587103
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL,
BAGALKOTE DISTRICT, BAGALKOTE- 587103
Ph: 08354-235776 E-mail:dudc_bgk@yahoo.co.in,
Itstaff dudc_bagalkote@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಜಿನಕೋಬಾ: ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ– 3:ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.09.2022.

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
E-Procurement portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999, ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ನಗರಸಭೆ ರಬಕವಿ–ಬನಹಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ–4 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ e-protal:https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

(1)DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132632/CALL-2

ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು : (1) Pre-bid Meeting Date: 10.10.2022 at 4.00 pm.(2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders Date: 13.10.2022 At 4.30 pm. (3) Opening of Technical bid Date : 15.10.2022 at 11 :30 am. (4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid Date:17.10.2022 at 11 :30 am.

ಸೂಚನೆ : 1) ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು.
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಕೋಶ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-487/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

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Short term Tender Notification No. 23/2022-23
Dtd- 29.09.2022

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.1 South Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification Published for 05 work **(Rs. 6.00 to 99.95 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal. Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **Dated: 30.09.2022 onwards**.
2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated **14.10.2022**
3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **15.10.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.
For more details can be had from e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/2470/Zenkar/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
(Lakes-RR Nagara), Room No.308, 3rd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-03/Lakes/Tend-04/2022-23 Date: 01-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Lakes - RR Nagara, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance of Jogikere Lake - **(General)**	**10.00**	**25,000/-**
2	Maintenance of Herohalli Lake - **(General)**	**15.00**	**37,500/-**
3	Maintenance of Nagarbhavi Lake - **(SC)**	**15.00**	**18,750/-**
4	Maintenance of Kannali Lake - **(General)**	**15.00**	**37,500/-**
5	Maintenance of Lingadheeranahalli STP - **(General)**	**15.00**	**37,500/-**
6	Maintenance of Kenchanapura Lake - **(General)**	**20.00**	**50,000/-**
7	Maintenance of Pattanagere Kenchenahalli and Bheemanakatte Lake - **(General)**	**20.00**	**50,000/-**
8	Maintenance of Srigandakavalu and Halgevaderahalli Lake - **(General)**	**20.00**	**50,000/-**
9	Maintenance of Kodigehalli and Lingadheeranahalli Lakes - **(SC)**	**20.00**	**25,000/-**
10	Maintenance of Herohalli Lake STP - **(SC)**	**20.00**	**25,000/-**
11	Maintenance of Andralli STP - **(General)**	**20.00**	**50,000/-**
12	Maintenance of Mallathalli Lake - **(General)**	**25.00**	**50,000/-**
13	Maintenance of Vishwaneedam Lake, Mangammanahalli Lake and Chikkabasthi Lake - **(General)**	**25.00**	**50,000/-**
14	Maintenance of Handrahalli Lake - **(ST)**	**25.00**	**25,000/-**
15	Maintenance of Lingadheeranahalli Lake Sy.13 & Konasandra Lake - **(ST)**	**25.00**	**25,000/-**
16	Maintenance of Bayyappanpalya Kunte and Thalaghattapura Lakes - **(General)**	**35.00**	**70,000/-**
17	Maintenance of Gandhinagara Hosakere, Ullal and Dubasipalya Lakes - **(General)**	**40.00**	**80,000/-**
18	Maintenance of Varaharsandra, H. Gollahalli and Sompura Lakes - **(SC)**	**40.00**	**40,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Available of Tender Documents: **03-10-2022 after 11.00 Hrs. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **19-10-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date of Opening of Tender Bid: **21-10-2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Lakes-RR Nagara), BBMP.

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CET-2022 revised rank list announced by KEA; repeater gets place in top 500

The KEA has included 2,281 spot ranks for CBSE and ICSE freshers and 414 students who passed II PU supplementary exams in the revised list. So the CET-2022 rank list has been revised from 1,71,656 to 1,74,351 ranks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The revised CET rank list announced by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) as per the High Court's decision on Saturday saw only one repeater student of the 2021 academic year getting a spot in the top 500 rank list.

Tejas Pratap, a CBSE student, got 490 rank in the revised CET-2022 list, which is up from his rank of 750.

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Students accompanied by parents at the KEA office for the document verification, for Common Entrance Test 2002 rank holders, in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, said, "The revised list has been prepared according to the formula accepted by the High Court. As many as 24,074 students who had passed II PU in 2021 had written CET in 2022. As per the court's direction, 6% marks scored by these students in II PU have been deducted in the first step. In the next step, 50% of the marks obtained in PU and 50% of the marks secured in CET was considered while preparing the revised list."

There are 13 students of 2021 in the ranks between 501-1,000. Between 1,001-10,000, the number of students of 2021 is 2,063, and between 10,001 and 1,00,00 ranks, the number of students of 2021 is 22,022.

This revised list will be applicable to engineering, agriculture, yoga and naturopathy courses only. For veterinary and pharmacy courses, the ranking has been announced considering only the marks secured in CET.

The 2021 repeaters were happy about the revised CET-2022 ranking list.

"Now I got 49,000 rank in the Engineering and 35,000 rank in BSc (Agriculture) courses. Earlier, it was 1,45,000 for engineering and 1,00,300 rank for BSc (Agriculture) respectively. I am very happy with this rank," Kushal. P.V., a repeater student, told to *The Hindu*.

CET-2022 counselling from Oct. 3

The KEA is planning to conduct CET-2022 counselling from October 3. "The CET-2022 counselling process will start from October 3 and we will allow the for options only after the declaration of the results of the second PUC supplementary exams," Mr. Ashwath Narayan said.

Accident involving multiple vehicles claims child's life

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

An accident involving a private bus and six other vehicles near Channapatna on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway has claimed the life of a child. On Saturday morning,

Mysuru MP Pratap Simha tweeted that the driver of a private bus hit a vehicle in front. Eventually, six other vehicles were impacted in the accident.

Portions of the newly-widened highway between Mysuru and Bengaluru were recently thrown open to traffic

Using the hashtag #SpeedKills, the MP emphasised the importance of driving carefully and of good roads.

Portions of the newly-widened highway between Mysuru and Bengaluru have recently been thrown open to traffic.

While emphasising upon the need for self-control, Mr. Simha said highway patrolling will soon start on the highway.

Authorities have claimed that the the 117-km stretch of the road between the two cities can be covered in 75 minutes when the expressway is complete.

Nine arrested

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Udupi police arrested nine persons after they tested positive for consumption of cannabis. The arrested are M.P. Mohammed Hazeem, Aditya Anil, Ayush Kumar, Harsha Kumar, Mohamed Hasan Raja, Yash Chahal, Akash Agarwal, Arman Gandharva Kottai Kumar and Ananya Garg.

DOCUMENT LOST

I,Shri parvataiah S/o Late Mallanna R/a H. No.516, 5th Cross, Mahalakshmi puam Layout, Bangalore-86, do here by solemnly affirm and state on oath as that, Bangalore City, Corporation presently belongs to Bruhat Bangalore Maha nagara Palike Old 10, presently 44th Ward, Bangalore City the land situated near Mahalakshmi Layout Jaaraka Bande Kaval Village in Sy. No. 77/3, 88 and 89 which was a Private Layout allotted by Bangalore Development Authority to form Shankar Nagar, Railwaymen's House Building Co- operative Society Limited at present situated in Railwaymen's H.B.C.S Layout No. 60 (Sixty) Property No.(PID): 10-71-60, measuring 30-0 x 45-0 Ft site is being self-willed property, the same property is being Registered as Original Document on11.11.2016 vied No.1- Book, C.D. No. RJND 298, registered as RJN-1-03398/2016-17 which was registered and purchased self-willed and taken possession and enjoying the property from Sri M.S. Hanumanta Rao and others. Presently, the the previous owner ie., Sri. M.Bindu Madhavachar was given possession Letter vied Reg. No. DYR/302 and in the name of Sri. M.B. Mukunda S/o Sri. M. Bindu Madhavachar on 22.09.1983/28.09.1983 vied Book-1, Volume No. 569, Pages 173-176 registered as No.2592/1983-84. All the above Original Sale Deeds was lost about 03 years back.

I have put all my efforts to find the same but I could not trace the same. If any one finds the above said documents is requested to handover with in 7 days of this publication to above mentioned address. If not I will consider that the above Original Documents have lost permanently and I have also given a police complaint to near by Police Authorities on vide Lost Report No. 0347689/2022 dated 30.09.2022. Hence this affidavit made for concern authorities to get the above and to get lost document in duplicate. I further declare that the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge and belief sworn before Advocate and Notary K.S.Bammappanavar on 30.09.2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **Sri.SHRISHAILAMALLIKARJUN B S/o.Basavaraj D Kaladagi** is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from **Smt.KAMALAMMA W/o.Muddanna.** Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Vacant **Site No.3,** Katha No.84/3, Property No.84 Situated at **K.Channasandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** coming under the limits of BBMP, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring **1200 Square Feet,** coming under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on the : **East by : Property belonging to Rajamma, West by : Property belonging to Hanumakka, North by : Chikkaveerappa's Property, South by : Road.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my client is intend to purchase the proeprty shown in the Schedule below from its owners **Mr. TALSARAM,** S/o Khimaji, aged about 39 years, R/at No. 143(22), Ramannapet, Near J.M Road, Siddanna Lane Cross, Bengaluru - 560002.

In this regard it is hereby notified that if any person/s or institute/institutions or anybody as sort of claim or objections or interest or title in respect of the Schedule Property, such person/s, institute/institutions, shall file their objections or claims with documents pertaning to the below Schedule Property and against the proposed sale transaction with the above said person within **7 days** from the date of this Public Notice. In the event of non receiving of any objections or claim from anybody else within the specified time my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction presuming that there is no such interest or title or claim or objections from anybody else over the below mentioned Schedule Property.

:: SCHEDULE ::

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Muncipal No. 11, PID No. 42-73-11 situated at **1st Main Road, 'D' Street, Kuvempu Nagar, New Guddadahalli Mysore Road,** Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Old Division No. 21, Ward No. 42, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to south 50-0 feet, Totally Measuring **1500 Sq Ft,** together with Ground Floor RCC Roofed and bounded on:

East By : Property Belongs to Savithramma
West By : Property belongs to Nanjamma
North By : Road
South By : Conservancy

Sri. Ashwathanarayana & Associates,
No.5, S.S.S. Building, 1st Floor,
1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet,
Bangalore-560 018.

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

TENDER NOTICE NO. S/22/22-23 Dated. 29-09-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works. **SN.1. Tender No.** 40/22/5195/OT/69/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Drt type and air cooled 200 VA, 750/415 volts ac control transformer h class insulation 6kv, duly fitted with approved makes 4 AMPS/1.2 KV fuse link with fuse base for primary and 2 AMPS/500 vilt fuse link with base for secondary with approved make, as per rdso spec: RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0203-2020 REV-0 or latest for LHB power car makes: ael/bhasin packard/ vimal transformer/ nacei/ ramyaa/trolex/ abrol/ trinitron/ kontact consortium note: supplier must submit prototype test clearance certificate from rdso along with their offer. **Closing/ Opening date: 17-10-2022. SN.2. Tender No.** 50/22/5160/OT/70/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Supply of 6 Quad Cable, 1.4 mm dia Copper Conductor, Polythene Insulated screened, wire/strip, Galvanized steel armoured, Underground Jelly Filled as per specification No. RDSO/SPN/TC/72/2007 with amendment No.1 or latest. **Closing/Opening date: 24-10-2022. SN.3. Tender No.** 50/22/5159/OT/71/2022-23. **Brief Description: (1)** Supply of Underground Signaling Cable of size 12 core x 1.5 Sq.mm as per Spec. No. IRS:S-63/2007 with Amnd 2003 or latest. (2) Supply of Underground Signaling Cable of size 12 core x 1.5 Sq.mm as per Spec. No. IRS:S-63/2007 with Amnd 2003 or latest. (3) Supply of Underground Armoured, Unscreened, Railway Signalling cable, PVC insulated copper conductor confirming to IRS specification no IRS:S -63/2014 (Rev.4.0) of size: 12 core x 1.5 sq.mm (4) Supply of underground Armoured, Unscreened, Railway Signalling cable PVC insulated copper conductor confirming to IRS specification no. IRS:S-63/2014 (Rev. 4.0) of size: 12 core x 1.5 sq.mm. **Closing/Opening date: 26-10-2022. SN.4. Tender No.** 37/22/0576/OT/72/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Distributor Valve complete without common pipe Bracket. Specn. Material Spec : RDSO's Specn. No - 02 - ABR - 02 Appendix - A1 of Oct - 03 with Amendment - 3 of April - 2010. **Closing/Opening date: 17-10-2022.** For details please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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CORRIGENDUM No.-1

Sub: Corrigendum for Expression of Interest (EoI) for procurement of HOT AXLE BOX HOT WHEEL DETECTOR SYSTEM (HAHW) & MACHINE VISION INSPECTION SYSTEM (MVIS).

May please refer Technical Specification No. COFMOW/IR/HAHW/2022 instead of Technical Specification of RDSO-SPN-RE-HAHW-2017(Rev.2) for "Hot Axle Box Hot Wheel Detector System (HAHW)".

Manufacturer/Suppliers interested may please go through the technical specification available on COFMOW website: **cofmow.indianrailways.gov.in**. All the details already published in EoI other than above remains same.

Chief Mechanical Engineer-III

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/674/2022-23 Dated: 01.10.2022

E –PROCUREMENT THIRD PARTY SERVICES
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.13/ 2022-23

The Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Department Central Office, BMTC, Bangalore invites Tender for **Third party inspection** for the below said works on **lumpsum basis** from reputed Engineers and practicing Civil Engineers for construction work Supervision, Quality control, Testing of materials & Certification of work measurements etc.

Name of work: (1) Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other allied works at Depot-49, Bidadi, Bangalore.(Approximate area :-10625 Sqm) **(2nd Call) Project Cost :** Rs. 338.86 Lakhs. **(2)** Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other allied works at Depot-47, Mandur, Bangalore (Approximate area:-10296 Sqm) **(2nd Call) Project Cost :** Rs. 338.72 Lakhs. **(3)** Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other developmental works at Depot-50, Devanahalli, Bangalore (Approximate area:-9300 Sqm) **(2nd Call) Project Cost :** Rs. 334.27 Lakhs. **(4)** Providing cement concrete pavement to parking area and other developmental works at Depot-44, Anjanapura, Bangalore (Approximate area:-5450 Sqm) **(2nd Call) Project Cost :** Rs. 265.00 Lakhs. (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **14.10.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs,** Date of opening of tender: **17.10.2022.** (2) Any other information required can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

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Notice Auction Tender

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites E-tendering system on behalf of President of India on www.ireps.gov.in (E AUCTION MODULE) for the Auction of Leasing of SLR (4/3.9 TONNE) of Mail express train of Lucknow division for the period of 02 year, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net banking or payment gateway. Details of Trains & Tender notice no Details are as under-

S. no	E-Auction LOT NO.	Train No.	From	to	Train frequency (in a week)	Date and Time of Close of Auction
1	11408-SLR-F1-LJN-PUNE-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	11408	Lucknow	Pune	01 Day (Thursday)	17.10.2022 13.30
2	15011-SLR-F1-LJN-CDG-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15011	Lucknow	Chandigarh	Perday	17.10.2022 13.40
3	22533-SLR-F1-GKP-YPR-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	22533	Gorakhpur	Yashwant -Pur	01 Day (Monday)	17.10.2022 13.50
4	11080-SLR-F1-GKP-LTT-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	11080	Gorakhpur	Lok mantilak terminal	01 Day (Saturday)	17.10.2022 14.00
5	12104-SLR-F1-LJN-PUNE-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	12104	Lucknow	Pune	01 Day (Wednesday)	17.10.2022 14.10
6	11056-SLR-F1-GKP-LTT-22-2 (PARCEL-SLR)	11056	Gorakhpur	Lok mantilak terminal	04 Day(Sunday Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)	17.10.2022 14.20
7	19716-SLR-F1-GTNR-JP-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	19716	Gomtinagar	Jaipur	03 Day(Monday, Wednesday, Saturday)	17.10.2022 14.30
8	12595-SLR-F1-GKP-ANVT-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	12595	Gorakhpur	Anand Vihar	03 Day (Monday, Tuesday Thursday)	17.10.2022 14.40
9	15054-SLR-F1-LJN-CPR-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15054	Lucknow	Chappra	Perday	17.10.2022 14.50
10	15205-SLR-F1-LJN-JBP-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15205	Lucknow	Jabalpur	Perday	17.10.2022 15.00
11	11038-SLR-F1-GKP-PUNE-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	11038	Gorakhpur	Pune	01 Day (Saturday)	17.10.2022 15.10
12	15005-SLR-F1-GKP-DDN-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15005	Gorakhpur	Dehraddun	02 Day (Wednesday, Friday)	17.10.2022 15.20
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16	15052-SLR-F1-GKP-KOAA-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15052	Gorakhpur	Kolkatta	01 Day (Thursday)	17.10.2022 16.00
17	15048-SLR-F1-GKP-KOAA-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15048	Gorakhpur	Kolkatta	04 Day (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday)	17.10.2022 16.10
18	15043-SLR-F1-LJN-KGM-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	15043	Lucknow	Kath-godam	05 day (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)	17.10.2022 16.20
19	12571-SLR-F1-GKP-ANVT-22-1 (PARCEL-SLR)	12571	Gorakhpur	Anand Vihar	04 Day (Sunday, wednesday Friday, Saturday)	17.10.2022 16.30

Period of contract: 02 years, **S.no. 1 to 19 Date and Time of Auction Start (all lots):** Date-17-10-2022 at 13-00 hrs, **S.no. 1 to 19 No of Compartment available (04/3.9 tonne) SLR:** 01 Compartment, Front SLR-First , **Web Site address:** www.ireps.gov.in(E AUCTION MODULE)

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **27.10.2022 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2, KIADB, Bengaluru

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Digitally signed E-Tender for following work is invited by Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai, from Registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriate class and having experience in execution of Marine related civil works, for following work in B1 Tender Form.

Sr. No	Name of work	Cost of Tender in Rs.	Earnest Money Amonut in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.	Time limit for Completion of Work in Rs.
1)	Constrction of parking area at Manori Jetty Mumbai Suburban	4,65,29,838/-	2,37,500/-	2,360/-	24 Months (Including Monsoon)

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Portal https://**mahatenders.gov.in** on sub Portal of Home Department **www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in** from **03.10.2022** at **10:01** hours (IST) onwards.

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COVID-19 precaution dose coverage still low

Although the campaign ended on September 30, sources said government hospitals will continue to administer free doses till further orders

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Despite the 75-day free vaccination campaign to mark 75 years of India's independence, the precaution dose coverage in the State still remains low. Under the campaign – organised from July 15 to September 30 – a total of 67,30,089 doses were administered of which 56,72,890 were precaution doses.

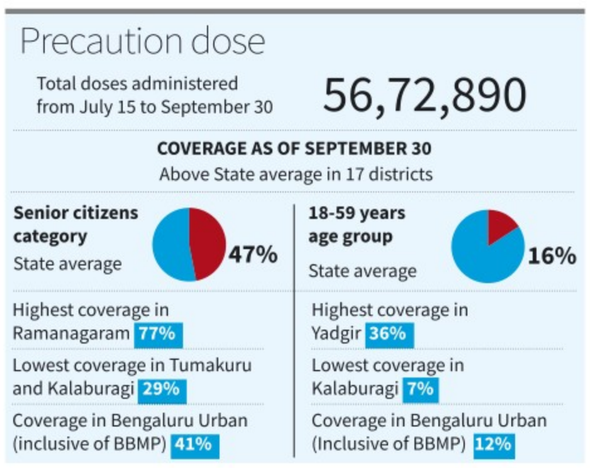
The precaution dose coverage in the 18-59 years age group that stood at 8.8% on August 12 has nearly doubled to 16% as of September 30. In the senior citizens category, the coverage has marginally increased from 46% to 47% during the same period.

The Centre rolled out precaution dose administration for senior citizens across the country on January 10 and for those in the 18-59 age group on April 10.

The precaution dose coverage in the 18-59 years age group that stood at 8.8% on August 12 is 16% as of September 30. FILE PHOTO

As of September 30, the State had a target population of 74,90,579 in the senior citizens' category and 3,32,40,671 in the 18-59 age group, due for the precaution dose. With the duration between two doses having been reduced from nine months to six months, the number of people eligible for the precaution dose has also gone up. Earlier, the third dose was free only for senior citizens in government hospitals. Besides, vaccines were not available in all private facilities.

Although the response in the initial few days of the 75 days campaign was good, it slowed down subsequently. During the period, the highest number of precaution doses was administered in Bengaluru Urban (inclusive of BBMP) at 5,96,048 followed by Mysuru at 4,80,276. Kodagu had the lowest precaution dose achievement during this campaign at 64,064 followed by Gadag at 83,572.


Precaution dose
Total doses administered from July 15 to September 30
56,72,890
COVERAGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30
Above State average in 17 districts
Senior citizens category
State average
47%
Highest coverage in Ramanagaram 77%
Lowest coverage in Tumakuru and Kalaburagi 29%
Coverage in Bengaluru Urban (inclusive of BBMP) 41%
18-59 years age group
State average
16%
Highest coverage in Yadgir 36%
Lowest coverage in Kalaburagi 7%
Coverage in Bengaluru Urban (Inclusive of BBMP) 12%

Although the campaign ended on September 30, sources said government hospitals will continue to administer free doses till further orders. As on Saturday, the State had an overall stock of 17.4 lakh doses.

17 districts above average

According to data from the Co-WIN portal shared by the State Health Department, the coverage in 17 districts is above the State average in both the senior citizens and 18-59 years age groups.

In the senior citizens' category, while the highest coverage is in Ramanagaram where 77% of the target population has been covered, the lowest is in Tumakuru and Kalaburgi that have 29% coverage.

In Bengaluru Urban district, inclusive of BBMP, the coverage so far has been 41%.

While Chitradurga, Mandya, Udupi, Kolar, Hassan and Ramanagaram have a coverage of above 60%, Koppal and Ballari are inching towards 60%.

18-59 years group

Although the coverage in the 18-59 years age group has nearly doubled in the last one and half months, the average coverage in the State is still low at 16% as of September 30.

The coverage has been below the State average in 14 districts. While the lowest coverage is in Kalaburgi at 7%, Yadgir recorded the highest coverage at 36%. Besides, Dharwad, Vijayapura and Raichur are inching towards matching the State average. Bengaluru Urban has achieved a coverage of 12%.

Arundathi Chandrashekar, State Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), said people are not interested in getting the precaution dose even if it is offered free as COVID cases have come down drastically.

"However, we are further intensifying information, education and communication activities and also continuing house-to-house vaccination," she said.

Dasara finale rehearsal held

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

As the Dasara finale is approaching, all eyes will be on the grand Jamboo Savari when elephants led by tusker Abhimanyu march on the streets of Mysuru.

Despite inclement weather, a mini-rehearsal for the Vijayadashami procession was held on the palace premises on Saturday with Abhimanyu and kumkhi elephants Chaitra and Kaveri. The procession will be held on October 5 from the palace to Bannimantap. The finale was confined to the palace in 2020 and 2021.

MUSIC DANCE DRAMA

SRI RAMA Lalitha Kala Mandira :- Vocal Music Concert by Kruthi Bhat, accompanied on Violin by Sindhu Suchethan and on Mridangam by B.S. Prashanth and on Khanjira by Anil Parashara on Sunday, 2nd October 2022 at 5.30 p.m. at the concert hall of Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira, BSK II Stage, Bangalore. From 29-10-2022 to 1-11-2022 Music Festival in Association with Suswaralaya College of Music at Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira. All are welcome.

State government will utilise services of senior citizens: CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and awardees at the World Senior Citizens Day programme in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special scheme will be evolved to make use of the experience of senior citizens wherever it is necessary in government projects, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking after inaugurating the World Senior Citizens Day programme organised by the Department of Senior Citizens Empowerment at the Ravindra Kalakshethra here on Saturday, he said the suggestions and guidance of senior citizens would be taken to build the State.

Hike in pension

Mr. Bommai said the pension for the physically challenged and senior citizens was increased after he became the Chief Minister. The health check-up of persons above 60 years of age is done twice a year and in case of health issues, the cost of treatment will be borne by the government. Free eye check-up is held in the State.

"For those who are above 60 years, free medical tests are conducted twice a year. In case of any medical problems, the State government bears the treatment cost," the Chief Minister said. He said free eye testing facilities and free spectacles will be provided for senior citizens. The State government has reserved ₹500 crore for providing medical assistance to senior citizens with hearing disability. Dialysis and chemotherapy facilities have been enhanced, and 12 new cancer centers will be opened soon, he said. Mr. Bommai lamented the growing number of old age homes in the State. "It is very unfortunate that family values are deteriorating. Families sending their elder members to old age homes is a worrying trend. People should value human relations," he said.

Hunt on for harasser

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The North Division Cyber Crime Police are on the lookout for an unidentified person who, posing as MD and CEO of METRO Cash and Carry India Pvt. Ltd., was harassing employees.

Based on the complaint filed by J. Jayanth Hemanoth, Systems and Regional IT Security officer, the police have registered a case against an unknown person charging him under sections 66 and 66C (fraudulently or dishonestly make use of the electronic signature, password or any other unique identification feature of any other person) of the IT Act, 2000.

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HINDI

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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URDU

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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BALIJA NAIDU 33 years / 155 cm B.E MBA Architect & Interior Designer Own Business well settled family only Son mutually divorced with in 3 months wanted divorced bride without children.9884065632 / 9176667276

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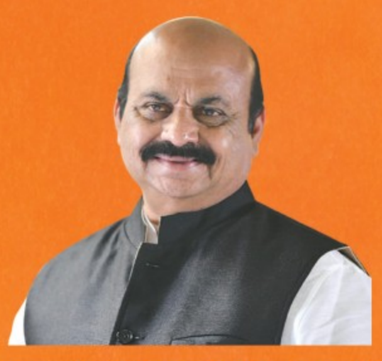

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Yogeshwar faces attack by JD(S) workers for 'ignoring' Kumaraswamy

They accused the BJP MLC of going ahead with the stone-laying event for development works in Ramanagaram in the absence of the ex-CM; eggs thrown at the car in which he was travelling

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a sign of political heat rising in Ramanagaram with Assembly elections close at hand, tension gripped Byrapatana in the district for sometime when members of Janata Dal (Secular) protested against a stone-laying ceremony for development works by BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar, accusing him of going ahead with the event in the absence of local MLA and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Angry protesters scuffled with the BJP workers, blocked the road for sometime and pelted stones to disrupt the programme. In the melee, someone threw eggs on the car in which Mr. Yogeshwar was travelling. According to the police, fisticuffs broke out between JD(S) and BJP workers over the allegation of "deliberately ignoring" Mr. Kumaraswamy. Amidst the commotion, Mr. Yogeshwar launched the programme accompanied by Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also the district incharge Minister.

C.P. Yogeshwar and H.D. Kumaraswamy

CM condemns incident
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai took to Twitter to condemn the incident, prompting the police to initiate action and book two separate cases charging the accused under Section 353 (assault or use of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty) and Section 427 (mischief), following a complaint by Mr. Yogeshwar against those who threw eggs on his car. The police have detained some protesters, but no arrests have been made so far.

Both Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Yogeshwar spoke to the media later, accusing each other of high-handedness and politicking in development works.

'HDK is jittery'
"People are leaving JD(S) in droves in the district. So he [Mr. Kumaraswamy] is jittery and getting people from other districts to indulge in such goondaism," he alleged. Mr. Yogeshwar insisted that he had invited Mr. Kumaraswamy, but the latter had not turned up. "They are scared of losing their seat in the upcoming elections and indulging in such acts," he said. Mr. Ashwath Narayan also insisted that there was no breach of protocol and Mr. Kumaraswamy "should have been happy" that funds were bring brought to the district.

Mr. Kumaraswamy hit back not only at Mr. Yogeshwar for "breach of protocol", but also targeted Mr. Bommai for allegedly granting ₹50 crore to the constituency "at the behest of a nominated MLC." He called it "politicisation of civic works." He alleged that local BJP and Congress leaders were in cahoots to ensure that he is "tied down" to the constituency in the upcoming Assembly elections next year.

Earlier incident
With elections slated in mid-2023, the politically sensitive district of Ramanagaram is seeing more such incidents. Mr. Narayan and Congress's Bengaluru Rural MP D.K. Suresh had nearly come to blows in full public view at an event in Ramanagaram in January this year.

Youth sporting 'PayCM' logo on T-shirt at Bharat Jodo rally arrested

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Chamarajanagar district police have arrested a youth who was sporting the "PayCM" logo on his T-shirt while participating in the Bharat Jodo yatra near Begur in Gundlupet taluk on Saturday.

The youth identified as Kumar from Vijayapura district was walking with the other rallyists on the second day of the Karnataka leg of the yatra, which left Tondavadi Gate in Gundlupet before entering Mysuru district, when a group of police personnel caught up with him and forced him remove the T-shirt bearing the "PayCM" logo.

Superintendent of Chamarajanagar district police Shivakumar confirmed the arrest of the youth. He said the police had received a complaint against the "public nuisance" caused by the person wearing the T-shirt with the logo in the padayatra. He had been seen wearing the T-shirt on Friday and action was taken against him on Saturday, he said. However, the youth was later released on station bail as it was a non-cognisable offence.

A video grab of the police taking away the Congress supporter who was wearing a T-shirt with the 'PayCM' logo.

Gundlupet police said a FIR in the regard has been booked in Chamarajanagar Cyber Economics and Narcotics (CEN) police station. The complainant had sought the arrest of the youth for sporting the poster, which amounted to "insulting the Chief Minister."

Responding to the development, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the police was acting at the behest of the ruling party. With a video footage showing the police personnel hitting the youth, Mr. Siddaramaiah took to Twitter and condemned the "act of rowdyism" by the police against their party worker. "I urge @CmofKarnataka to immediately suspend this rowdy police," he tweeted. Further, he tweeted that "BJP4Karnataka lack courage and strength to face #40PercentSarkara corruption campaign of our party. Unable to face it politically, coward BJP is trying to silence the voice using the police". During the press conferene earlier, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he and other party leaders too had been booked by the police for the posters pasted on the walls in Bengaluru. He alleged that the ruling party was misusing the police.

Gopal Reddy is FKCCI president

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

B.V. Gopal Reddy has taken charge as president of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) for 2022-23.

Mr. Reddy is the president of Martial Motors Pvt. Ltd., an authorised Volvo car dealer.

As a senior member of the organisation for over two decades, he has succeeded in his efforts of removing APMC cess and GST on foodgrains and pulses, said a release.

Vice-presidents
Ramesh Chandra Lahoti has taken charge as senior vice-president, while M.G. Balakrishna has taken charge as vice-president of FKCCI, according to a press note.

S.M. Krishna discharged from hospital

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who had been admitted to Manipal Hospital following an acute respiratory tract infection on September 24, has been discharged.

Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar, who tweeted about this, said that the 90-year-old leader had returned home after recovering. A special team of doctors had been formed to attend to him at the hospital.

Governor tests positive for COVID-19

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has been tested positive for COVID-19.

The health condition of the Governor remains stable, said a release from Raj Bhavan. Many leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, have wished Mr. Gehlot a quick recovery.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 6 Dated: 30 /09/2022

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Tender No	Nomenclature of Items/ Services	Tender Value in crores Rs.(Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @17.00Hrs
G-37/22-23	Procurement of Maplitho Paper in Reels for Printing of Tickets & Stationery.	4.10	25/10/2022
G-40/22-23	Procurement of Thermal Paper Slitter Tapeless Re-winder(WithoutCore) Machines, Hydraulic Baling Machine, Web-offset Printing Machine & Computer Stationery Printing Machine.	1.50	31/10/2022
G-41/22-23	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Paint Booth	2.50	31/10/2022
G-42/22-23	Supply ,Installation & commissioning of 24 Volts and 1.5 KV Invertors on turnkey basis	0.10	15/10/2022
G-43/22-23	Procurement of Banian Yarn Cotton Waste	0.40	17/10/2022
G-44/22-23	Procurement of Industrial degreaser for Engine Block	0.30	15/10/2022
G-45/22-23	Procurement of JK Door Rubber	0.27	17/10/2022
G-46/22-23	Supply ,Installation & commissioning of Gas Welding Set and Plasma Cutting Machines on turnkey basis	0.10	31/10/2022
G-48/22-23	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Major Garage equipment's on turnkey basis	7.00	31/10/2022
G-49/22-23	Supply, Intallation & Commissioning of Screw Type Air Compressor and Nitrogen Generation Inflator Suitable for Tyre filling of Passenger Buses on turnkey basis	3.00	31/10/2022
G-50/22-23	Procurement of GHT "U' Bolt & Nyloc Nuts	2.00	17/10/2022
A-11/22-23	Procurement of Wiper Motors and Blades	6.00	17/10/2022
A-12/22-23	Procurement of Ball and Roller Bearings	4.53	31/10/2022
A-13/22-23	Procurement of Propeller Shaft & components	1.81	17/10/2022
A-14/22-23	Procurement of Water Pump and Parts	4.00	31/10/2022
A-15/22-23	Procurement of King Pin Components	4.80	31/10/2022
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A-17/22-23	Procurement of Fuel Injection Pipes & Leak off Pipes	0.70	17/10/2022
A-18/22-23	Procurement of Wheel Bolts and Nuts	0.30	17/10/2022
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G-47/22-23	Supply & Installation of CCTV Surveillance System	8.00	13/10/2022
G-51/22-23	Procurement of Aluminum Sheets & Extrusions	3.00	11/10/2022
G-52/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Mangalore Division (MNG Depot 1,2,3,Udupi and Kundapura Depots)	5.40	10/10/2022
G-53/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Puttur Division (Dharmasthala,BC Road, Sulya & Puttur Depots)	3.60	10/10/2022
G-39/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Ramanagar Division (Ramanagar, Channapatna, Magadi, Kanakapura, Harohalli & Anekal Depots)	1.80	10/10/2022
G-38/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Chamarajanagar Division.(Kollegala, Gundlapets, Nanjanagudu Depots)	1.80	10/10/2022

Addendum/ Corrigendum

G-20/22-23, G-02/22-23, G-11/22-23, G-21/22-23, G-24/22-23, G-04/21-22, G-92/-19-20, A-17/21-22, A-24/21-22, A-25/21-22, are cancelled due to technical and administrative reasons.

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

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Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Civic Amenities Allotment) Rules 1991 U/s 3(3)

Notification for Civic Amenities Allotment:

The Raichur Urban Development Authority has invited applications for disbursement of civil service facilities available in the approved private areas of its project area to eligible organizations.

The prescribed application form can be obtained at the office of the authority by payment of Rs.1,000/- The completed application form should be submitted to the Commissioner, Raichur Urban Development Authority, Raichur on or before Date: 21-10-2022 at 05-30 pm. Subsequent applications or applications that have not been filled properly will be rejected without consideration.

Further information / details can be made to the Office of the Authority during office hours and has been published to the Index.

Sd/- Commissioner
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Notification for Invitation of Tenders (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer (Civil), Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi has invited tenders for the Capital Civil Engineering work in Two cover system coming under the jurisdiction of O & M Zone Hubballi. The details of work is as follows.

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1	Construction of 3rd floor to Corporate office building, providing furnitures, cement concrete road, storm water drains, cobble stone flooring alround building, compound wall and other allied works at Gopankoppa, Hubballi. PHASE-II	5817	Rs.14,54,51,527.23	11	General

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging on to the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. on or after 30.09.2022. For further information, please contact telephone no.0836-2223323 during office hours.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer, (Civil),
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:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Detail of Work: Providing and fixing of pressure controlling valves and pressure loggers in Distribution pipeline and flow meters for inlet and actuators for outlet of OHT's of 2nd stage WSS to Shorapur city under KKRDB (GDQ) grants for the year 2022-23(Lumpsum). **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB / 2022-23 / WS / WORK_INDENT3230)** 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 382.27 Lakhs (Excluding GST),** 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Eligible Contractors, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Rs.5,74,000/-, 5) Period of Completion: 02 Months (Including Monsoon), 5) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications: **18-10-2022 Up to 11:00 Hours,** 6) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **02-11-2022 Up to 17:30 Hours,** 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : **04-11-2022 After 11:00 Hours,** 8) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Opp. Mini Vidhan Soudha, Aiwan Shahi Road, Kalaburagi - 585102, Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 9). Address of E-portail: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Chief Engineer
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Publics are hereby informed that my client **Mrs. Asha Satish** w/o. Mr. K.V. Satish Residing at No. 6, Livin Apartment, Shankar Reddy Lane, Chellikere, Bangalore intend to enter into Absolute Sale Deed with the Owner/s **Mr. Amit Rayan Arulsamy** s/o. Late Thobias Arulsamy is the absolute owner of converted land property bearing **Sy. No. 35/8**, which measuring **20 guntas**, situated at **Doddagubbi Village**, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in vide; Conversion Order dated **13/12/2012**, in Order No. **ALN(EBB):SR:79/2012-13**, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on
East by: Land of Sy. No. 7,
West by: Land of Sy. No. 35/1,
North by: Land of Sy. No. 35/4 and 35/5 and
South by: Road and Land of Sy. No. 35/9.

Mrs. Dipti Susan Arulsamy d/o. Late Thobias Arulsamy is the absolute owner of converted land property bearing **Sy. No. 35/9**, which measuring **20 guntas**, situated at **Doddagubbi Village**, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in vide; Conversion Order dated **13/12/2012**, in Order No. **ALN(EBB):SR:80/2012-13**, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on
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North by: Land of Sy. No. 35/8 and
South by: Road and Land of Sy. No. 35/3 and Sy. No. 35/10.

Any person or Any authority or Any promoters having any asserting right, title, interest and claims to oppose for Absolute Sale Deed of property and further having any manner of right, title, claims etc., and may lodge their objections, claims over the property along with relevant papers in support of their claims, right to the below address within **15** days from the date of this notice, if any objections fails to comply, my client shall take further steps for entering into Absolute Sale Deed of property.

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CPI(M) veteran Kodiyeri passes away

The 70-year-old, who steered the party in Kerala for three consecutive terms as State secretary, was admitted at Apollo Hospital in Chennai due to complications arising from pancreatic cancer; his untimely demise is likely to leave a lasting imprint on Kerala's political landscape

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI (M)] Polit Bureau member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the 70-year-old veteran communist leader from Kannur who steered the party in Kerala for three consecutive terms as State secretary, died on Saturday. Doctors who treated him at Apollo Hospital in Chennai attributed the cause to complications arising from pancreatic cancer. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his Cabinet colleagues have cancelled their European tour to mourn the leader. In December 2021, at a meeting of the Trivandrum Oncology Club, Mr. Balakrishnan had revealed that he was diagnosed with cancer in 2019. Later, the CPI(M) sent him to MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston, U.S., for advanced treatment.

Kodiyeri Balakrishnan

Mr. Balakrishnan rarely let the ravages of the disease obstruct his work. Gruelling chemotherapy sessions and a bleak prognosis failed to dampen his spirit. He executed his political duties even when steeped in chronic physical discomfort. Later, the party elected M.V. Govindan State secretary in his stead.

Mr. Balakrishnan's tenure as State party chief saw the CPI(M) winning two successive terms. Left supporters had hailed the achievement as a watershed in Kerala politics. They had credited Mr. Balakrishnan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for authoring the victory against heavy odds, including a 'recriminatory campaign' run by the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Mr. Balakrishnan was elected to the Kerala Assembly five times in 1982, 1987, 2001, 2006, and 2011 from the Thalassery constituency. From 2001 to 2006 and from 2011 to 2016, he was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House.

For many journalists, Mr. Balakrishnan was immensely accessible, but he never let on anything other than the party line.

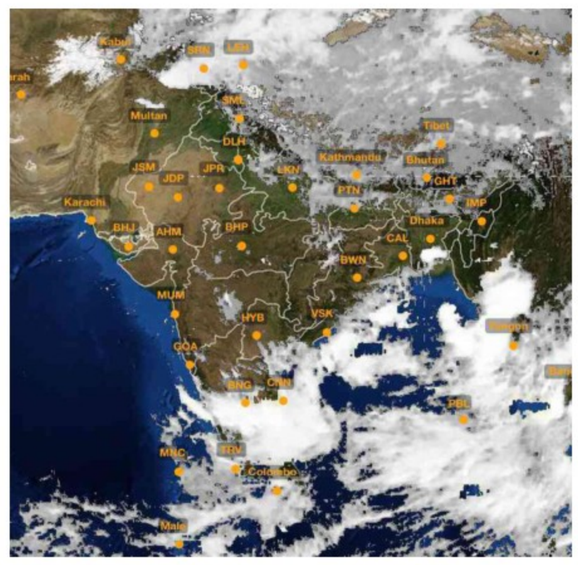
Many of his party colleagues viewed him as second only to Mr. Vijayan in the CPI(M)'s Kerala unit and a likely political successor to the Chief Minister. However, time would have it otherwise.

Nevertheless, Mr. Balakrishnan's political message and manner have left a lasting imprint on Kerala's political landscape. His wife, Vinodini, and sons Binoy and Bineesh Kodiyeri survive him.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin visited Apollo Hospital and paid his last respects to the veteran leader. "My heartfelt condolences to his family and CPI(M) comrades," Mr. Stalin said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	33.6	25.0	Kozhikode	19	29.6	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	34.5	25.5	Kurnool	10	30.0	23.1
Aizawl	10	—	21.0	Lucknow	—	33.9	24.1
Allahabad	—	35.4	25.0	Madurai	—	38.0	25.6
Bengaluru	18.2	24.2	18.7	Mangaluru	23.6	27.4	22.9
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	31.2	25.4
Bhubaneswar	1.2	33.6	25.4	Mysuru	8	30.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	34.9	22.5	New Delhi	—	34.7	23.7
Chennai	5	33.2	24.6	Patna	10	33.6	25.8
Coimbatore	—	31.8	23.0	Port Blair	11	28.9	23.8
Dehradun	—	32.2	21.2	Puducherry	—	32.4	23.8
Gangtok	2	24.2	16.2	Pune	44.9	31.1	20.8
Goa	2	30.7	25.0	Raipur	0.5	32.8	24.6
Guwahati	—	37.2	25.6	Ranchi	—	32.4	21.5
Hubballi	—	27.0	21.0	Shillong	—	26.1	17.5
Hyderabad	0.4	31.3	22.4	Shimla	—	23.6	14.2
Imphal	—	32.7	19.8	Srinagar	—	27.5	11.4
Jaipur	—	36.3	25.0	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.0	24.2
Kochi	12	29.4	23.4	Tiruchi	—	32.3	26.0
Kohima	2	—	17.2	Vijayawada	7	32.2	24.4
Kolkata	—	34.5	27.8	Visakhapatnam	—	29.8	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	..25	.13	60	63	
Bengaluru	.23	..28	.57	.....—	...103	
Chennai	...3	..41	110	66	61	
Delhi	.23	..90	.85	...236	...422	
Hyderabad	.12	2	188	.....—	...113	
Kolkata	...7	..13	.23	...139	96	
Lucknow	...7	..80	.52	...152	...134	
Mumbai	.10	123	.75	69	...124	
Pune	..—	..41	.91	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.28	..41	.46	38	54	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Khurja, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 259 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

The cheetah that loved Hyderabadi biryani

SPECIAL

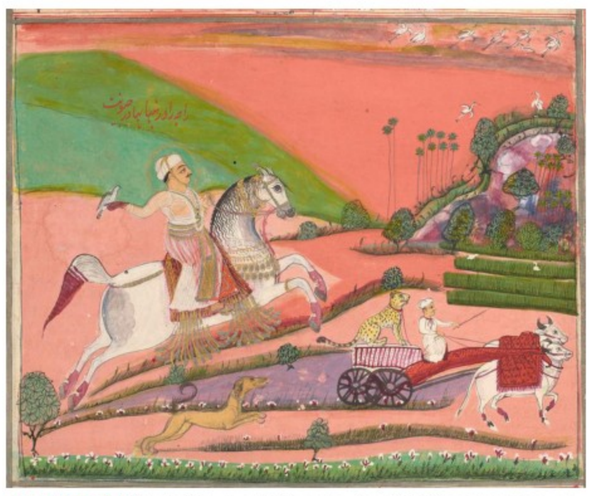
Serish Nanisetti
HYDERABAD

Hyderabad has a long and rocky relationship with cheetahs. The spotted cats were kept as pets by the historic city's nobility as showpieces of royalty, and for the British colonialists, they defined India's exotic wildlife. The last sighting of a cheetah in India was in Hyderabad in 1957, when the unfortunate animal fell into a well and could not be saved.

In 2007, the Indian government set up a spanking new Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (LACONES) on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The laboratory had the mandate of resurrecting extinct animals, including cheetahs. While setting up the laboratory, Lalji Singh and S. Shivaji had cited success in artificial insemination in some animals. However, the laboratory's effort to secure germplasm from Iranian cheetahs, considered the closest genetic match to Indian cheetahs, for their breeding programme, did not succeed. But before that, Hyderabad nobility showed off their pet cheetahs and posed for photographs before and after hunts.

Prized trophy

"Almost all the nobility in Hyderabad had cheetahs as pets. They were as common as the horses which numbered in the dozens. They were used for hunting black buck and deer on the plains of Andhra Pradesh in Kurnool, Anantapur, and Banginpally," says Shafat Ali Khan, whose grandfather Sultan Ali Khan had cheetahs as pets at their Moula Ali home in the 1930s-40s. Major Afsur Jung, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Hyderabad Army, and accompanied the Nizam Mahbub Ali Khan everywhere, writes about an abandoned pet cheetah developing a fondness for Hyderabadi biryani in 1893.


Into the wild: A miniature painting showing Raja Rao Rambha, an Asaf Jahi nobleman, during a hunt with a cheetah on a cart.

Royals showed off their pet cheetahs and posed for photographs before and after hunts

"It was next sighted at Koh-e-Moula... Here at that time, the Nizam was camping, it being the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal (11th of which is the Prophet's birthday) where maunds of biryani [or pulao] were being cooked every day for the poor. The bones were piled up behind the kitchen and this provided a feast for the cheetah. When someone sighted the animal and informed the king, His Highness ordered the animal to be trapped, and caged and was to be fed the choicest meat till it could eat no more," he wrote in his memoirs.

Hunting with cheetahs, or coursing with the cheetahs as it was called, was not everyone's cup of tea. British Viceroy Charles Hardinge visited Hyderabad in September 1911. He went for a hunt with Nizam Osman Ali Khan and described the experience.

"The hood was at once taken off one of the cheetahs, and, on being released from its chain, dashed off after the herd of bucks like an arrow from a bow, and we all galloped after the cheetah as fast as we could. The cheetah then sprung at the neck of one of the biggest buck and brought it down," writes Hardinge in his *On Plain and Hill*.

Archbishop's circular burnt in Ernakulam as protest

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Members of the Archdiocesan Movement for Transparency (AMT) burnt a copy of the circular issued on Friday by Mar Andrews Thazhath, the Apostolic Administrator of the Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese, in front of the Bishop's House in Ernakulam on Saturday to register their protest.

The circular had reminded of the communication by the Pope on the need to adhere to the unified mode of worship at all parishes under the Syro-Malabar Church. The AMT said lay people and some priests were opposed to its implementation.

Fast and furious

Festive race: Nadubhagom Chundan racing past the rivals to win the Piravom Boat Race on the Muvattupuzha on Saturday. LEJU KAMAL

'One party polity will bring on one-man rule'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday warned that one party polity would pave the way for the rule of one man and when it happens, even the BJP would be under compulsion to oppose it.

Addressing a conference on 'Federalism and Centre-State Relations', organised in connection with the conference of the Kerala unit of the CPI, he said the chorus for one nation, one election, one food, one exam, one religion, one language and one culture would result in one party polity, and ultimately the rule of one man. "Nothing could be more dangerous... The BJP can be happy so long as there is one party polity. When it becomes the rule of one man, even the BJP will have to oppose it...," he said.

Red sanders seized

The Hindu Bureau
CHITTOOR

The Chittoor police on Saturday nabbed eight red sanders operatives and seized logs worth around ₹2 crore, after intercepting a consignment on its way to Chennai at the old Bengaluru bypass road on outskirts of Chittoor.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

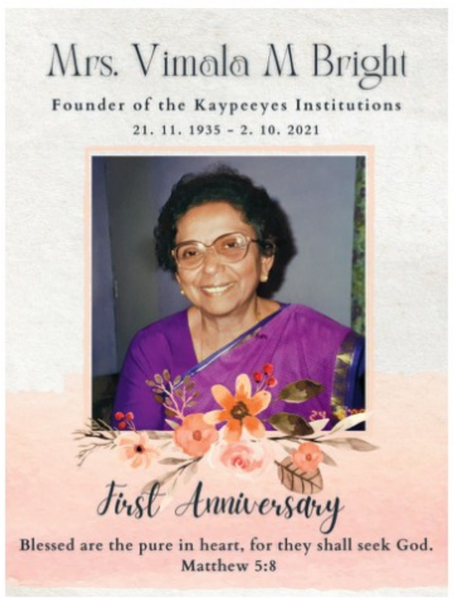
DEATH

SAD DEMISE

C K SRINIVASAN
Date of Birth: 29-08-1964 Date of Death: 29-09-2022
Cremation on 2nd October 2022 at 1.30 P. M

Deeply mourned by:
Vidya Srinivasan (Wife), C K Umakanth (Brother), Vardhini (Daughter) and other family members.
Address: 61, 5th Cross, Whitecity Layout 2nd Phase, Seegehalli, Bangalore-560 049. Contact: 9620984925

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES


Mrs. Vimala M Bright
Founder of the Kaypeeyes Institutions
21. 11. 1935 - 2. 10. 2021
First Anniversary
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall seek God.
Matthew 5:8

Karjol challenges Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Water Resources Minister Govid M. Karjol on Saturday challenged the Opposition Congress to declare veteran leader and AICC presidential candidate M. Mallikarjun Kharge as the Chief Minister face of the party in the State Legislative Assembly elections, 2023.

Speaking at a press conference here, Mr. Karjol said the Congress has "cheated" Mr. Kharge, a Dalit leader of the party.

Despite his victory in 11 elections, nine in Assembly and two in Lok Sabha, Mr. Kharge had been denied the post of Chief Minister by the Congress, he alleged.

"The Congress is a sinking ship and is facing an existential crisis," he said.

Dalits are not satisfied with Mr. Kharge being made the AICC presidential candidate.

The Congress, which ruled the country for six decades banking on Dalit votes, "backstabbed" the Dalit community, he alleged.

"Let the Congress declare Mr. Kharge as the Chief Ministerial candidate at least now," he said.

The Dalits have stopped trusting Congress, claimed Mr. Karjol, who also belongs to the community.

Speaking about the Bharat Jodo yatra, he said it has come at a time when the Congress in Karnataka was a "divided house".

Football fans in Kerala whoop it up with screenings of EPL matches

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

As the English Premier League (EPL) giants Manchester United and Manchester City lock horns in yet another Manchester Derby, one of the most anticipated fixtures in the football world, at Etihad Stadium on Sunday, fans of the two clubs in Kerala will cheer for them at screenings to be organised across multiple centres.

While the Manchester United Supporters Club Kerala (MUSCK) is planning to host screenings for fans in Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kochi, Kasaragod and Kottayam districts, Cityzens Kerala, an official supporters' club of Manchester City, will organise screenings for both sets of fans in Kozhikode, Malappuram and Kochi.

Fans attending a screening of the North London Derby between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur in Kochi on Saturday. ARRANGEMENT

Cityzens Kerala aims at creating a 'stadium-like atmosphere' at their screening centres, with rival fans clad in team jerseys whooping it up.

The upsurge in the demand for screenings this season goes beyond the Manchester Derby as fans of even relatively low-profile teams are regularly organising screenings.

Mutual benefit

Screening centres, mostly cafes and eateries, also seem to benefit from the frenzy. "The passion seems to be spreading and fans of more teams are now looking for screenings. We offer our party hall for even late-night matches subjected to a minimum number of people with a minimum cover charge," says Arun Damodaran Nambiar, a managing partner of a popular café in Kochi.

From Page One

Religious tourism gets a push in J&K

"As we have good air connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar, a number of flights are operating on a daily basis."

"We had a target of providing 70,000 beds for tourists. As a part of this plan, we are offering more and more homestays as they not only help people mingle with the local populace but also help reduce the carbon footprint," Mr. Singh said. The J&K Tourism Department has also lined up an all-India devotional song competition, cultural programmes, and multimedia exhibitions.

Free horse rides and battery car services are provided for people who are unable to walk all the way up to the Vaishno Devi cave shrine. RFID tags ensure pilgrims' safety. Priority *darshan*s are arranged for the physically challenged. The Amarnath Yatra has also seen arrangements on a grand scale. The number of tents *en route* to the shrine were increased from 29,000 in 2018 to 70,000 this year. Six base hospitals have also been established for the first time, and COVID hospitals with ICUs were set up at Pahalgam, Baltal and Sonamarg. Patnitop, Sanasar and Bhaderwah in the Jammu division could become the go-to places that feed off the Vaishno Devi circuit. Pilgrims who complete their yatra can consider whistle-stop tours of Srinagar, Gulmarg and Pahalgam in Kashmir. "A majority of pilgrims who undertake pilgrimages to Amarnath and Vaishno Devi are 30 years or older in age," Anwar Shirpurwala, secretary general, Confederation of Hospitality, Technology and Tourism Industry, said.

Sources in the J&K Tourism Department said the highest-ever footfall to date was 1.6 crore, and the administration expects by the end of the year, the number will cross 2 crore. Around 3.65 lakh pilgrims visited the Amarnath shrine and till September 27, Vaishno Devi has had 65 lakh visitors.

PM launches 5G, calls it beginning of a new era

Mr. Mittal announced the launch of Bharti Airtel's 5G services in eight cities, and said it planned to cover the entire country by March 2024.

Mr. Ambani said Reliance Jio would begin the roll-out this Deepavali and committed to "deliver 5G to every town, every taluka, and every tehsil of our country" by December 2023. Mr. Birla added that Vodafone Idea would begin the journey to roll out 5G services soon.

Mr. Modi said while India was dependent on other countries for 2G, 3G and 4G technologies, with 5G, India had created a new history and was setting a global standard in telecom technology for the first time.

. "2G *ki niyat* and 5G *ki niyat mein yehi farak hai* (this is the difference between the intentions during 2G era and 5G era now)," he said.

GST revenues rise 26% amid imports surge

"The growth in GST revenue till September 2022 over the same period last year is 27%, continuing to display very high buoyancy," the Union Finance Ministry said. On a month-on-month basis, September's revenues were 2.84% higher than the gross GST collected in August.

While Central GST collections accounted for just ₹25,271 crore in September, State GST inflows contributed ₹31,813 crore, and Integrated GST brought in ₹80,464 crore, over half of which came from import. GST Compensation Cess collections were ₹10,137 crore.

Revenues from domestic transactions grew 22%, but there were significant variations in the trend seen across States. Revenues jumped 67% in Bihar, 35% in Goa, 33% in Haryana, 32% in Delhi and 29% in Maharashtra. Kerala and West Bengal (27%), Karnataka (25%) and Uttar Pradesh (23%) also grew faster than the national average, but Andhra Pradesh with 21% growth, followed by 16% in Gujarat, 13% in Odisha and 10% in Tamil Nadu, lagged behind. September 20 marked the second highest single-day GST collection of ₹49,453 crore with the second highest number of 8.77 lakh challans filed, the Ministry said, asserting this "clearly shows that the GST portal maintained by GSTN has fully stabilized and is glitch free".

Kharge urges Sonia to pick new LoP in RS

"He [Mr. Kharge] doesn't want to choose his own successor when he becomes the party president. So, he wants Ms. Gandhi to choose the next leader as soon as possible," the source said.

In terms of seniority and experience, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh are the two most serious contenders for the post. But given that Mr. Kharge, considered a favourite to be the party chief, is from South India, Mr. Singh may have an edge.

The Congress may not want to have both the party president and the LoP from South India.

On Saturday, the race for the Congress president's post narrowed down to Mr. Kharge and Shashi Tharoor, with the nomination form of the third contender, K.N. Tripathi from Congress' Jharkhand unit rejected because of discrepancies.

Jamiat lends silent support to BJP as govt. continues its crackdown on PFI and initiates madrasa survey

The country's oldest Muslim organisation has maintained studied silence over the arrests of PFI members. Meanwhile, its general secretary had supported the CAA after it was passed in Parliament and never joined protest against the Act

Ziya Us Salam
NEW DELHI

United stance: Representatives of 200 madrasas participated in the September meet in New Delhi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Quietly, unobtrusively, the oldest Muslim organisation in the country, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, is warming to the BJP. Without making any formal announcement about it or lending explicit support at the time of elections, the Jamiat has been happy to support the BJP, be it the recent ban on the Popular Front of India or the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to start a survey of non-regular madrasas. Much of the support is hush-hush though.

When countrywide raids were conducted on the PFI premises and over a hundred leaders arrested, the Jamiat went into silent mode, much like, as a Jamiat official says on condition of anonymity, "Mohammed Shah Rangeela of the latter Mughal days". Even as the Jamaat-e-Islami asked for fairness and transparency in the action, the Jamiat washed its hands of the affair entirely with the spokesman limiting himself to saying, "We are neither with them nor against them. Let the law take its own course."

Even more stark was the Jamiat support to the madrasa survey launched by the Yogi Adityanath government. In a case of a quick somersault, Jamiat president Arshad Madani not only lent the survey support but also promised that from the next year, only those students who have completed matriculation from the CBSE will be admitted to Darul Uloom, Deoband. "So far the picture of the survey that has come out, there is nothing to fear or be apprehensive about," Mr. Madani stated. His statement in favour of the survey came days after Jamiat had held a meeting in New Delhi where over 200 representatives of various madrasas in Uttar Pradesh participated. At the meeting, the organisation pledged "to safeguard madrasas at any cost" and dismissed the survey as smacking of "evil intention".

The quick turnaround of Jamiat on the issue reminded one of the stand taken by its general secretary Mahmood Madani immediately after the Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed in Parliament in December 2019. Mahmood Madani extended support to the Bill, reiterating the words of the Home Minister, Amit Shah, that the Bill had nothing to do with Indian Muslims.

However, within a week of the Bill being passed by Parliament, the Shaheen Bagh protest started, accompanied with great agitations in Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University. The community was outraged, and Mahmood Madani was quick to read the writing on the wall. He did a quick turnaround to join the intellectuals who raised their voice against the CAA. Among them, incidentally, were two of the intellectuals who met RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat recently.

Earlier, Arshad Madani had come in for flak for meeting Mr. Bhagwat at the RSS office. The meeting bore fruit with Mr. Arshad stating, "Those who are affected by the NRC include both Hindus and Muslims." The new political tone of the Jamiat comes as a surprise, considering the body has been softly but consistently aligned with the Congress since Independence though in recent years in U.P. at least, it has never been too far from extending support to the Samajwadi Party.

In no hurry to become Bihar CM, says Tejashwi

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

A day after State Rashtriya Janata Dal president Jagdanand Singh said that Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav would become Chief Minister of Bihar as soon as in 2023, Mr. Yadav said that he was neither in a hurry, nor having the desire to become Chief Minister.

Mr. Yadav also suggested party leaders to refrain from making such statements. "There is nothing like making me the Chief Minister. I have no such desire nor I am in a hurry for this," Mr. Yadav said on Friday.

"Our main target was to remove BJP-RSS from the seat of power and we've done this in Bihar," he added. "Now we should strive to unite the Opposition parties. Nitish Kumar *ji* is already the Chief Minister of Bihar and the government under him is working well in the State," Mr. Yadav said in a video message. He also suggested party leaders and workers to refrain from making such comments in public. "But, they love us and sometime make such comments in enthusiasm," he added.

Army expects to boost fire power with induction of artillery guns

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Shot in the arm: The Indian Army is inducting the M777 Ultra Light Howitzer on the northern borders. PTI

In the next five years, the Army's Regiment of Artillery will see major force accretion with the induction of several guns, including indigenous ones. It includes the Dhanush, Sharang, M777 Ultra Light Howitzer (ULH), additional K9-Vajra howitzers and the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS).

Operationalisation of the seventh regiment of the M777 is under way, and the induction of all 145 guns, contracted from BAE Systems, should be completed in the next few years, a defence source said. Similarly, with their deployment and performance in high-altitude regions, the Army is now going in for 100 more K9-Vajra-tracked self-propelled howitzers.

"One regiment of the indigenous Dhanush artillery systems, developed based on the Bofors guns, has been inducted and operationalised in a high-altitude area along the northern borders after extensive validation. By March 2023, the Army should receive 18 guns to form the second Dhanush regiment," the source said.

On the Sharang guns, the 130mm artillery guns up-gunned to 155mm, 45 calibre guns, three regiments have been operationalised so far with the fourth regiment in process. The order for up-gunning 300 guns is being executed by three difference DPSUs.

"Three Sharang regiments are expected to be delivered per year and 15 artillery regiments are to be equipped with Sharang. So, it should be done in five years," the source explained. The Army received the first Sharang gun in February 2020.

On this note, the source stressed the need to upscale the capacities and capabilities of the domestic industry and the need to evolve a "conglomerate or consortium culture".

On the ATAGS system which has completed validation trials in May, officials said they are fast-tracking the remaining process for quicker induction. Following this, Electromagnetic Interference/Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMI/EMC) trials were completed, followed by maintainability trials by the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, the source said.

Currently, the Director General Quality Assurance evaluation is under way which includes environmental tests. They are being held concurrently to shorten the evaluation and should be completed in another two months, the source said after which the preliminary requirements would be converted to General Staff Quality Requirements and commercial bids will be sought.

Satyapal Malik gets no extension, Brig. Mishra to take charge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Satyapal Malik

Meghalaya Governor Satyapal Malik, whose tenure will be completed on October 3, has not been given an extension as President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday gave Arunachal Governor Brigadier B.D. Mishra (retd) additional charge of the State when Mr. Malik demits office.

Mr. Malik was in the news for his statements against the Narendra Modi government, especially during the farmers' agitation against the now-repealed three farm laws, despite being in the Governor's office.

"The President of India has been pleased to appoint Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, to discharge the functions of the Governor of Meghalaya, in addition to his own duties from the date he assumes charge of the office of the Governor of Meghalaya, until regular arrangements are made," a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said.

Mr. Malik was first appointed the Governor of Bihar in September 2017. Thereafter, he was sent to Jammu and Kashmir in August 2018, and was the Governor there when the Centre revoked the special status to J&K under Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

He was later moved to Meghalaya in 2020.

CBI files case against 16 in Bengal teacher hiring scam

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The CBI has filed a chargesheet against 16 persons, including former Minister Partha Chatterjee, in the West Bengal School Service Commission recruitment scam.

Santi Prasad Sinha, adviser at the panel; Samarjit Acharya, then programme officer; Saumitra Sarkar, Chairman; and Ashok Kumar Saha, then assistant secretary; and Kalyanmoy Ganguly, then president of the adhoc committee of the State Board of Secondary Education, have been named in the chargesheet filed before the special CBI court. Mr. Sinha, Mr. Saha, Mr. Ganguly and Mr. Chatterjee have been in judicial custody.

Over 6,000 trees illegally cut for tiger safari project in Corbett Reserve, says FSI report

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Destroying environment: Trees being felled for the Pakhru Tiger Safari in the Jim Corbett National Park. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The much-awaited tiger safari project of the Uttarakhand government is under scanner after a Forest Survey of India (FSI) report stated that over 6,000 trees were illegally cut in the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) against the permission for 163 for the Pakhru Tiger Safari. The State Forest Department, however, denied the FSI's claims, and said that there were some technical issues which needed to be resolved before finally accepting the report.

The FSI was asked by the Uttarakhand Forest Department to access the status of illegal felling in and around the Pakhru Tiger Safari. They were asked to estimate the number of trees felled in the illegally cleared area based on expertise and technology available with the organisation. The Forest Survey Institute was also tasked to scan the area in and around the Pakhru Tiger Safari for illegal felling and to analyse any area within the Kalagarh Tiger Reserve, which was seen to be exhibiting forest cover change.

"After compiling the report in around nine months in Pakhru block, Kalushaheed block, Nalkhatta Block and Kalagarh block, the FSI has come up with an observation that the area cleared under the CTR is estimated as 16.21 hectares. The trees estimated on the cleared area are 6,093 in number with the lower bound of 5,765 and the upper bound of 6,421 with 95% confidence interval and 2.72% standard error," said a senior official from the department.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Vinod Singhal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of the Forest Force, accepted that the FSI found that 6,421 trees were illegally cut. He said the report has not been accepted so far. "After a preliminary examination of this report, there are several technical issues which needs to be resolved before this report to be accepted. There are several serious and important questions on the tabulation of the number of trees allegedly felled and the sampling technique used to arrive at this number," added Mr. Singhal.

He confirmed that the department had the permission to cut 163 trees in the safari area, and in the primary investigation, it was found that 97 extra trees were illegally cut.

The matter of thousands of trees being felled illegally was highlighted by Gaurav Bansal, an environment-activist and lawyer based in Delhi.

Anoop Singh, Director-General, FSI, could not be contacted even after repeated attempts. Prakash Lakhchaura, Deputy DG, FSI, said that he cannot comment on the reservations of the Forest Department on FSI report as he is not aware of the matter.

Tharoor: the president Congress needs but won't get

He knows enough about the party but is not caught in its intrigues; and he knows better than most others how to represent it before the expanding Indian middle class

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George
NEW DELHI

The credit goes to Rahul Gandhi for forcing the Congress to have a contest for the top post, now between Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor.

A few days earlier, it had looked like the contest would be between Ashok Gehlot and Mr. Tharoor. This rare event is being watched keenly by the friends and foes of the Congress. The trouble with the Congress is the inbreeding that only produces stunted and disfigured shoots. Congress workers deify the Gandhi family, but they detest the stranglehold of a few dozen families that chokes all their avenues of upward mobility. As Mr. Gandhi has said, the Congress needs to have many people who are in to go out, and get many who are out to come in.

A Tharoor versus Gehlot contest would have done the Congress a world of good. Mr. Gehlot is affable and ruthless at the same time. He understands the average worker, a trait few have in the Congress.

A Backward Caste face, and a quintessential organisational man, Mr. Gehlot would have infused new energy and momentum for the party, particularly in the Hindi heartland where it continues to sink. What he lacks in terms of charisma is more than compensated for by hard work, perseverance and sheer native intelligence.

Mr. Gehlot, as president would have energised the cadre and attracted newer people into it from the BJP.

Shashi Tharoor

For Mr. Gehlot, being an insider would have been an advantage.

Mr. Kharge is an insider too – with all its baggage but none of its benefits. He's soft and polite, but at 80, he is past his prime. He is a Dalit, but he himself would not be expecting a surge of Dalit support for the party because of him. The Congress tried to sell its accidental Chief Minister in Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi's Dalit identity in the election early this year, but few bought it. While the BJP is retiring leaders at 75 to promote younger, dynamic faces, the Congress is held captive by the tired and the tiring. Mr. Kharge does not move the needle for the Congress. As president, he is unlikely to move or move anything. It's Mr. Tharoor who speaks to a constituency that is not with the Congress now. The Indian middle class is upset with the BJP but it does not look at the Congress as a viable alternative.

Ambition, dynamism

Mr. Tharoor is not a native in the Congress – as some of his critics now point out. Far from being a disadvantage, the party could turn this to its advantage. He represents merit, which the Congress is accused of overlooking. He represents ambition, aspiration, and dynamism, which the middle class thinks the party lacks. His lateral entry into politics was not through the Rajya Sabha. Mr. Tharoor has been tested thrice in Thiruvananthapuram, which is by no means an easy Lok Sabha constituency for the Congress. He came out with flying colours.

More than anything else, the Congress needs to tell and sell a story to the Indian voters. Mr. Tharoor does that well, and he echoes Mr. Gandhi's views on social, economic and political issues. Back in 2009, during his first election, Mr. Tharoor was teased for his weak Malayalam by his opponents. "I know enough Malayalam to understand what you tell me. And I know better English and Hindi than my critics to raise those issues in Parliament," he told voters.

Mr. Tharoor knows enough about the Congress but is not caught in its intrigues; and he knows better than most others how to represent the Congress before the expanding Indian middle class. He's what the Congress needs but alas, won't get.

India abstains on UNSC resolution condemning Russia's 'referenda'

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

India was among four countries that abstained on a draft resolution at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) condemning the so-called referenda organised by Russia across four regions of Ukraine. Hours before Friday afternoon's voting in New York, Russian President Vladimir Putin "annexed" four regions inside Ukraine's internationally recognised borders – Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk and Donetsk – based on the results of Russian-organised referenda in these regions.

The UNSC resolution, sponsored by the United States and Albania, failed to pass the 15-member Council on Friday afternoon, despite winning 10 supporting votes, after Russia used a veto to block it. A similar resolution is likely to be introduced in the U.N. General Assembly – where Russia does not have a veto – in the near future.

The resolution condemns the referenda, calls on the international community not to recognise any alterations to Ukraine's territory and calls for Russia to withdraw its forces from Ukraine. The other abstaining countries at Friday's voting were China, Brazil and Gabon. India abstained on the resolution "keeping in view the totality of the evolving situation", its Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UNPR), Ruchira Kamboj, said.

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India was "deeply disturbed" by the recent events in Ukraine, Ms. Kamboj said, as she explained India's abstention vote and called for an immediate cessation of violence. "We've always advocated that no solution can ever be arrived at the cost of human lives," she said.

Push for dialogue

The path to peace involved dialogue and keeping open diplomatic channels, Ms. Kamboj said.

She said the global order was based on the U.N. Charter, international law and the respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

"We therefore sincerely hope for an early resumption of peace talks to bring about an immediate ceasefire and resolution of the conflict," she said.

The U.S., one of the sponsors of the resolution, had earlier in the week said it would seek action against Russia at the General Assembly, if Russia vetoed the resolution in the Council.

"Do you seriously expect Russia to consider and support such a draft?," Russia's UNPR Vasily Nebenzya said after the vote on Friday, accusing the proposers of the draft resolution of intentionally pushing Russia to exercise its veto.

He said the Security Council forum was being used as a "dress rehearsal for the main performance" in the U.N. General Assembly. He accused Washington of double standards over Taiwan, making a reference to its readiness to use force to protect Taiwan.

Ukraine, represented by its UNPR, Sergiy Kyslytsya, called the Security Council a "broken" pillar of the United Nations. He devoted a large part of his remarks to questioning the legitimacy of Russia as the Soviet Union's successor state on the Security Council.

"Allowing Russia to avail itself of the right of the Soviet Union to veto decisions of the Security Council effectively prevents this body from exercising its primary responsibility under the UN Charter: maintenance of international peace and security," he said.

U.S. standpoint

Speaking to the Council, the U.S.' Permanent Representative to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield said the referenda were held "behind the barrel of Russian guns".

Countries recognise the implications for their own borders and economies when the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity was set aside, she said, adding that now was not the time to "stand on the sidelines".

China's UNPR, Zhang Jun, stressed that the "legitimate security concerns" of all parties should be taken seriously and urged a diplomatic solution and political settlement to the conflict.Significantly, China, which itself has been and continues to be the subject of U.S. and European sanctions (for human rights abuses in Xinjiang and Hong Kong for example), said that "political isolation", "pressurisation" , "block confrontation" and "sanctions" are not conducive to peace but make the situation worse.

Officials say India has remained consistent in its push for dialogue

NEWS ANALYSIS

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

While there was little doubt over the outcome of the U.S.-Albania-sponsored UN Security Council draft resolution on Friday criticising Russian referenda in four Ukrainian regions, given Russia's veto power, many Western diplomats had held out hope that India's vote would have shifted from past "abstentions" to a "yes vote" on this occasion.

One of the reasons was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments to Russian President Vladimir Putin in Samarkand in mid-September on the "era of war" having ended, that were interpreted as a snub to Mr. Putin. Another was India's decision to vote in favour of allowing Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to address the UNSC and UNGA in the same month.

International agenda: UN Security Council members at the meeting in New York on Friday. AP

In addition, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's speech at the UNGA where he spoke of India being "on the side of the UN charter", and his statement at a press conference in Washington to "wait and see" what India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Khamboj would say in response to the Russian referenda had sparked speculation that India would change its previous policy.

However, experts say that U.S. and European diplomats, had misread New Delhi's statements and taken Mr. Modi's phrase on the "era of war" ending out of context from his entire statement. "It is necessary to study everything the PM said [in Samarkand] and to realise he has said this in the past as well. In fact, all elements of India's position (need for a ceasefire, ending the war, concerns about impact on food and energy security) have been consistently articulated by the government," said Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board P.S. Raghavan.

In New Delhi, some say India's position on Russia is becoming more difficult. "I lend zero credibility to the sham referenda organised by Russia. My sense is the Government of India sees this no differently. Despite the optics, in both the West and in India there is extreme and equal exasperation at Putin's actions since February 24," tweeted Ashok Malik, Partner at Asia Group consultancy, who was policy adviser to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) until September this year.

However, former Indian Ambassador to Russia Venkatesh Verma said that India's consistent stand has been to call for all sides of the Ukraine conflict to find "off-ramps", adding that the war is no longer a territorial conflict, but a "systemic conflict" with possibly nuclear dimensions. "Perhaps the time has come for the imperatives for international peace take precedence over all other principles or objectives involving the Ukraine conflict. The big powers must get back to the ethic of mutual accommodation," Mr. Verma told *The Hindu*.

Shinde appoints Yuva Sena committee

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Amid the controversy over which faction controls and heads the 'real' Shiv Sena, the faction led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday announced the appointment of executive committee members of the Yuva Sena, the party's youth wing.

Currently, former State Minister Aaditya Thackeray, son of Uddhav Thackeray who heads the other faction of the party, is the chief of the Yuva Sena.

Interestingly, most of the new post-holders are relatives of rebel MLAs in the Shinde camp.

Samadhan Sarvankar, Raj Kulkarni, Raj Surve and Prayag Lande were appointed in charge of the youth wing's Mumbai unit. Kiran Sali and Sachin Bangar were appointed in charge of western Maharashtra.

Mr. Shinde's close aide Gopal Lande's son Nitin Lande was appointed in charge for Thane.

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INBRIEF

Gujarat will not fall for AAP leader's lies, says Smriti Irani

On the day Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal promised to build a modern school and provide Narmada water in every village as pre-poll sop in Gujarat, Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani hit out at him, saying his "lies and dreams" will not succeed in Gujarat. In Ahmedabad, Ms. Irani slammed the AAP leader for the liquor scam in the national capital and widespread corruption in his government. She said that people of Gujarat would never give a chance to such people, whose only aim is to grab power by peddling "lies and selling dreams."

Congress appoints former MP Brijlal Khabri as U.P. president

The Congress on Saturday appointed Brijlal Khabri, a former Lok Sabha member, as the president of its Uttar Pradesh State unit. Mr. Khabri will replace Ajay Kumar Lallu, who had resigned in March 2022 after the party's disastrous performance in the State Assembly election. Mr. Khabri, a Dalit, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Jalaun in Bundelkhand region in the 1999 polls on BSP ticket, joined the Congress in 2016 alleging sale of BSP ticket. The party has also appointed six regional presidents under a new formula to keep caste and regional balance in the politically crucial State, where it has been out of power for 33 years.

Shah to visit Jayaprakash Narayan's village in Bihar

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Bihar on October 11, in what would be his second visit to the State in three weeks. In August this year, the JD(U) had snapped its ties with the BJP to form government in the State with the *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) parties. Mr. Shah will visit the late veteran socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan's ancestral village Sitab Diara in Saran district on Narayan's birth anniversary on October 11. He is also likely to address a farmers' meeting at Amnour in the district. Amnour is the ancestral village of BJP MP from Saran, Rajiv Pratap Rudy.

Woman's bid to smuggle cocaine worth ₹4.9 cr. foiled

A woman passenger who tried to smuggle in 490 grams of cocaine worth ₹4.9 crore was arrested by the Customs officials at Chatrapathi Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai. The contraband was concealed in the special cavity of her sandal, officials said on Saturday. According to Customs officials, the accused passenger was intercepted on Thursday on the basis of suspicion.

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Indore bags cleanest city award for sixth year, M.P. ranks first among States

President Droupadi Murmu presents awards as part of Azadi@75 Swachh Survekshan 2022; she invites citizens to join in the source segregation campaign and commit to the cause of cleanliness

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indore has been adjudged the cleanest city of India for the sixth year in a row, while Madhya Pradesh is the cleanest State in the country.

Surat is the second cleanest city and Navi Mumbai ranks a close third in the category of cities with a population more than a lakh.

In the population category of less than one lakh, Panchgani and Karad from Maharashtra bagged the first and third positions respectively, while Patan from Chhattisgarh bagged the second position.

Tirupati received the best city award in Safai Mitra Suraksha category, while Haridwar in Uttarakhand received the award for the best Ganga town in more than one lakh population cities. Shivamogga in Karnataka received the fast mover city award.

Ranking cleanliness

The tables list the top six urban local bodies (ULBs) and the best performing States according to Swachh Survekshan, 2022. Indore retained the tag of India's cleanest city for the sixth consecutive time, while Madhya Pradesh is ranked first among States

Ranking of urban local bodies (with more than 1 lakh population)

City	State	Rank
Indore	Madhya Pradesh	1
Surat	Gujarat	2
Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	3
Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	4
Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh	5
Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	6

Source: Swachh Survekshan 2022

Best performing States (>100 ULBs)

Rank	State
1	Madhya Pradesh
2	Chhattisgarh
3	Maharashtra

(< 100 ULBs)

1	Tripura
2	Jharkhand
3	Uttarakhand

The State awards saw Madhya Pradesh emerge as the Cleanest State in the category of "more than 100 Urban Local Bodies", relegating Chhattisgarh, the cleanest State of the previous three years, to second place. Maharashtra emerged as third cleanest State.

Similarly, Tripura got the cleanest state award in the "less than 100 urban local bodies category", dislodging Jharkhand, which had won in the last two consecutive years. Jharkhand and Uttarakhand received the second and third spots respectively.

The awards were given away by President Droupadi Murmu as part of the Azadi@75 Swachh Survekshan 2022 hosted as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. She also released the Swachh Survekshan 2022 dashboard.

Ms. Murmu said: "I congratulate all the awardee cities for their commitment to the cause of *Swachhata* (cleanliness)". She exhorted the citizens to join in the three-week source segregation campaign set to begin today.

Cardiologist body to start education drive on resuscitation skills

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

CPR awareness initiative and school health education project will be held across the States

Cardiologists warn of a sharp increase in sudden cardiac deaths (SCD) in India, with young adults the most vulnerable to the condition. The Cardiological Society of India (CSI), an organisation with over 5,000 registered cardiologists from across India, is set to launch a mega educational drive in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills.

"Patients collapsing from SCD give us two-and-a-half minutes to be revived. If we come across anyone collapsing and know the basic symptoms, we can help by providing CPR immediately. Instead, we often start crowding the place and try waking [the patient] up with a splash of water. The main agenda of this programme is to ensure that people are aware of SCD's symptoms and can implement CPR immediately. No life should be lost due to ignorance. Any form of CPR is better than no CPR," Debabrata Roy, honorary general secretary, CSI, said.

According to the World Health Organization, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death globally. An estimated 17.9 million people died of CVDs in 2019, representing 32% of all global deaths.

As part of the initiative, the CSI is planning two programmes – the CPR awareness initiative, and a school health education project, which will start in West Bengal and roll out later in other States. The CPR training programme will involve the setting up of physical kiosks at educational institutions, shopping malls, housing societies, police stations and post offices, to increase awareness. A virtual learning platform has also been set up to drive awareness through online mediums.

To watch a video
'Heart attack survival rate can be improved with better awareness'
bit.ly/3RwnDxQ

Rahul's plea in defamation case to be heard in Dec.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A magistrate court in Thane will on December 3 hear Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea for permanent exemption from appearance in defamation proceedings against him by the RSS secretary.

On March 6, 2014, Mr. Gandhi made a speech in Bhiwandi, holding the RSS responsible for the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. Soon thereafter, Rajesh Kunte, secretary of the Bhiwandi unit of RSS, filed a complaint against him.

26 dead, 16 injured in Kanpur as tractor trolley ferrying pilgrims falls into pond

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

At least 26 people were killed and 16 seriously injured in an accident in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. The victims were travelling home on a tractor trolley from the Chandrika Devi temple when the vehicle fell into a pond in the Ghatampur area. The death count may increase, officials said.

District Magistrate, Kanpur, Vishak G. told *The Hindu* that 22 bodies had been taken out from the pond. Four others were reported dead later. There were 45 people in the tractor trolley, all from Kortha village.

The tractor trolley was ferrying people from a temple to their homes when it fell into a pond in the Ghatampur area of Kanpur district. PTI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the tragedy, and announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the families of the dead. The injured will be given ₹50,000, the Prime Minister's Office said.

"Distressed by the tractor-trolley mishap that took place in Kanpur. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their near and dear ones and prayers with the injured. The local administration is providing all possible assistance to the affected," Mr. Modi said on Twitter.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that he was deeply pained by the loss of lives. He is monitoring the relief and rescue operations, and has directed State Minister of Medium Small and Micro Enterprises Rakesh Sachan and Minister of State for Science and Technology Ajit Pal to visit the spot and expedite relief work.

People should use tractor trolleys only for agricultural works and freight transportation, and never to transport passengers, the government said.

"The road accident in Kanpur district is very heart-wrenching. The District Magistrate and other senior officers have been directed to reach the spot immediately and conduct relief and rescue operations on a war footing and make arrangements for proper treatment of the injured. Wishing speedy recovery to the injured," Mr. Adityanath said.

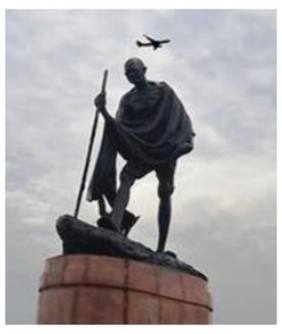
On birth anniversary, a book on stamps and coins to mark life and times of Gandhiji

Sonam Saigal
MUMBAI

A unique book will be launched on Sunday to celebrate the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It features stamps, coins and currency notes issued by more than 135 countries around the world on the Father of the Nation.

Titled *Global Collectibles of Mahatma Gandhi through Bank Notes, Coins and Stamps*, the book is published by Mintage World, the "world's first online museum on vintage and new coins, stamps and notes". It's priced at ₹1,999 and will be available on e-commerce websites. The book has been compiled by Sushilkumar Agarwal, CEO of Mintage World.

Every coin and stamp issued in India and globally on Gandhiji portrays a significant historical journey, starting from the first stamp on him on India's first Independence Day in 1948, to stamps issued on the 50th and 75th anniversaries of India's Independence. Stamps also showcase the 75th anniversary of Gandhi's Dandi March, and the Non-Violence Movement.



The book features stamps, coins and currency notes from more than 135 countries.

From the world's mints

The postal departments of France, Germany, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Fiji Islands, Ireland, Egypt, Brazil, Bangladesh, Kenya, North Korea, Cuba, Czech Republic and many other countries issued commemorative stamps on Gandhiji in various sizes and shapes, with his image on the foreground or background.

The mints of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, South Africa, the Seychelles, Mauritius, Malta, Mongolia, Andorra, the Republic of Benin, the Cook Islands, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Gambia and others issued coins minted in gold, silver, copper, nickel and alloy across various denominations. Most of the coins have Gandhiji's smiling bust on one side. To celebrate Gandhiji's 100th birth anniversary, silver and gold coins of different denominations were issued by Ajman, Andorra, Benin, Cook Island, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Liberia, Malta and Mauritius.

The 190-page book includes images of a set of five coins issued by the Niue mint to commemorate the centenary of Gandhiji's return to India. It features glimpses of Gandhiji's life in colourful silver coins, including a portrait of a young Gandhiji in traditional attire as he and his wife arrived in India.

Cancer patients' pandal hopping adds to Durga Puja's inclusivity in Kolkata

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Ten-year-old Sondip Ghosh has been undergoing treatment at Kolkata's Tata Medical Centre since July 2022 for leukaemia. Given his low immunity, visits to Puja pandals this festival season had not been on the cards for the boy.

Similarly, 68-year-old Gopal Chandra Pal, who has come from Bangladesh for treatment for throat cancer at the Tata Medical Centre, was upset that he could not return home on account of his upcoming chemotherapy.

With Durga Puja looking bleak for the two residents of Premashraya, the people behind the temporary home in Kolkata's New Town area for a community of about 500 cancer patients and their caregivers decided to fix the hurdle.

On Saturday, on the sixth day of festival, about 125 people from Premashraya visited five Puja pandals in the Salt Lake area. The local police station provided pilot cars, vehicles for medical emergencies were on hand, and Puja organisers were informed well in advance to facilitate smooth entry for the visitors.

Festive spirit: Premashraya plans to keep the spirit of Durga Puja alive with events till second week of October. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Two air-conditioned buses in which 60 patients and their caregivers started at around 10 a.m. and they returned by 1 p.m. The idea behind the morning trip was to avoid crowds and protect patients from infections," Sudeshna Dutta, head of operations of Premashraya unit and Tata Medical Centre, said. Built by Coal India limited in 2015, Premashraya has been run by the Tata Medical Centre.

Ms. Dutta said that Premashraya is trying to keep the spirit of Durga Puja alive with many special events, including new clothes for residents. "Cancer is a marathon and it's very important to have a positive spirit while battling the disease," she said.

Other efforts too has gone into making this a more inclusive Puja. Earlier this week, Kolkata Police organised a *Puja Parikrama* for 150 children with special needs, and about 400 elderly members of Pranam, a community policing initiative to serve senior citizens.

INBRIEF

Unemployment rate dipped to 6.43% in September: CMIE

India's unemployment rate dropped to 6.43% in September due to an increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas, data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) showed. In August, unemployment had surged to a one-year high of 8.3% as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million. The almost-8 million increase in labour participation is a sign that the economy is doing well, said CMIE managing director Mahesh Vyas. PTI

Govt. defers plan to impose excise duty on unblended fuel

The Centre has put off by one month the levy of additional ₹2 per litre excise duty on petrol unblended with ethanol, and by six months for diesel that is not blended with bio-diesel. The relaxation is likely to give industry more time to implement oil import-cutting measures. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had introduced the levy, to be applicable from October 1, in Budget FY23. The duty is now deferred to November 1 for petrol and April 1, 2023, for diesel. PTI

ATF price cut 4.5%, LPG rates slashed by ₹25.5 per cylinder

The price of jet fuel (ATF) was on Saturday slashed by 4.5% and that of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants was cut by ₹25.5 per 19-kg cylinder. Jet fuel price was cut by ₹5,521.17 to ₹115,520.27 per kl in Delhi. The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was cut to ₹1,859.50 from ₹1,885, according to a price notification from state-owned fuel retailers. This is the sixth reduction in the price of commercial LPG since June, in step with softening international energy prices. PTI

RBI's monetary policy has sent a positive message: FM

Sitharaman says inflation at a manageable level, adds India is entering an era of robust economic activity that will see an increase in mergers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Positive vibes: A lot of funds would flow into India and several mergers and acquisitions could be expected, says Sitharaman. PTI

India's inflation is at a manageable level and the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) latest monetary policy, which included a 50 basis points increase in interest rates, had sent a "very positive message in the market", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

More than 70% of the foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) who had left the Indian stock markets in the months running up to July, had returned over the last two months, the Minister said, asserting that India was now entering an era of robust economic activity.

'FPIs coming back'

"Till July, you had a lot of FPIs flowing outside of India, going away from India. And people thought, 'Oh, that's an indication the economy is going to be in distress'. As much or even more have started coming back from August and till September, more than 70% of all of whom went out, have equally come back," the Minister said.

Asserting that it was going to be a period 'unlike any other times' for the economy and businesses, with investments in manufacturing as well as the services sectors, Ms. Sitharaman said a lot of funds would flow into India and several mergers and acquisitions could be expected.

'Entrepreneurship era'

"This is going to be an era of entrepreneurship for building Indian economy, for a lot of flow of funds that is going to come into India. The government is actively engaged with sovereign funds, the big funders who can come and invest in India," she said, pointing to the interest shown by global investors in schemes like production-linked incentives.

"You are going to have a lot of mergers and acquisitions, I think," Ms. Sitharaman said. "Mergers and acquisitions are also going to happen because it's an economy which is seen as the sweet spot world over, because we have achieved a certain growth and are standing out as the fastest growing economy in the world. And therefore, you're going to have a lot of investor interest," the Minister averred.

'Robust regulators'

Speaking at the sixth annual day of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), Ms. Sitharaman said that the 'era of robust economic activity' would require regulators to be robust as well.

"We need a lot of good professionals who are going to help the economy understand how liquidation, how insolvency, bankruptcy, all of them can be handled, where required, in a very efficient and timely manner," Ms. Sitharaman concluded.

Impossible to accept 95% haircuts for banks under IBC: FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

It is unacceptable that banks should take a hefty haircut on loans that go through the resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday, calling for greater efforts from resolution professionals (RPs) to avoid fingers being pointed at such deals.

The minister also sought steps from the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for early identification of rising stress in some companies due to the global disruptions underway and asked for an assessment of why prepackaged insolvency packages approved by Parliament for small businesses were yet to find traction.

"The resolution value should stand out so that nobody can point a finger and say, 'oh my god, look at the banks. They have taken this kind of a haircut'... is that acceptable?" she said at the IBBI's sixth annual day, noting that she faced such questions every time she spoke about amendments to the IBC in Parliament.

"I cannot afford to say sorry, 95% haircut for the bank is the best resolution I can give you; impossible," she said. Conceding that some cases may be 'so pathetic' that only 'junk value' could be derived, she indicated that this could not be a feature of the IBC.

Adobe upbeat about India's digital growth

Anyone, anywhere with a digital device has access to digital documents, tools, including Adobe's range of solutions, says India MD

INTERVIEW

Prativa Mohapatra

Mini Tejaswi

The relevance of Adobe's tools such as Acrobat Reader is only increasing with digital connectivity growing exponentially in India, Prativa Mohapatra, VP & MD, Adobe India, said in an interview. Excerpts:

What makes Adobe so upbeat about India?

GSMA Intelligence's numbers indicate that mobile connections in India were equivalent to 81.3% of the total population in January 2022. The number of mobile connections in the country increased by 34 million (+3.1%) between 2021 and 2022. Digital connectivity will only further increase in the years to come and anyone, anywhere with a digital device has access to digital documents, tools, including Adobe's range of solutions.

How do you envision the future of creativity?

Our recent 'Future of creativity' survey revealed that there are 303 million creators globally. The creator economy has the potential to reshape so many aspects of society. At Adobe, we believe it's our responsibility to empower these creators to convey their true stories effectively.

Your role in business transformation?

Adobe has been accelerating document productivity and pushing the paperless agenda of various government bodies in India with Adobe Document Cloud. Adobe is also enabling enterprises to harness the power of digital via solutions like Adobe Sign.

What about Industry 4.0 products, software?

With the Industry 4.0 revolution, the manufacturing industry is designing products with next-gen tech. Our tools such as Substance 3D bring an ecosystem of apps and content-empowering product designers to streamline design workflows and raise product visualisation to new levels of detail.

Sept. auto wholesales surge on festival cheer, chip supply

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Robust festival demand, coupled with better production due to easing of semiconductor supplies, helped the domestic passenger vehicle industry post its best-ever monthly sales performance in September. Industry volumes in September rose 91% to 3,55,946 units.

Maruti Suzuki India said its total domestic passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales stood at 1,48,380 units last month compared with 63,111 units a year earlier.

MSI senior ED (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said the industry had crossed the 10-lakh sales mark in a quarter for the first time ever in the July-September period.

Hyundai Motor India reported 50% growth in domestic wholesales to 49,700 units. Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles MD Shailesh Chandra said the firm achieved its highest monthly sales of 47,654 led by record sales of Nexon and Punch.

Kia India also reported best-ever sales last month with dispatches of 25,857 units to dealers.

In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp said its domestic sales stood at 5,07,690 units compared with 5,05,462 units. TVS Motor Co. said its domestic two-wheeler sales rose 16% to 2,83,878 units.

Telecom companies vow to provide 'highest quality 5G services at most affordable rates'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Telecom industry captains on Saturday committed to a speedy rollout of 5G services across India at affordable rates, and underscored the technology's potential to revolutionise sectors such as education, telemedicine and farming.

Reliance Industries CMD Mukesh Ambani said that 5G was the foundational technology that would unlock the full potential of other 21st century technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Robotics, Blockchain, and Metaverse.

Towering capability: 5G would unlock full potential of 21st century technologies such as AI, says Mukesh Ambani. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"I believe that with 5G, hundreds of use cases will create thousands of entrepreneurs and dozens of new unicorns," Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said.

Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said 5G services would enable the country to become a $5 trillion economy in the next few years with a trillion dollar contribution by the digital economy itself.

'Finishing first'

Mr. Ambani said while India may have started its 5G journey a bit late, it would finish first by rolling out 5G services across India.

"The industry will ensure that India have the highest quality and the most affordable rates than anyone else has in the world," he said.

Jio would start offering 5G services Deepavali onwards and aim to bring ultra high-speed internet access to every part of India by December 2023.

Commenting on the impact from the introduction of 5G, Devroop Dhar, Co-Founder and Board Member at advisory firm Primus Partners, said over the next 3-4 years, India would see a significant impact in sectors such as education and healthcare with 5G likely to benefit the Indian economy by ₹36.4 trillion between 2023 and 2040.

Sport

Arsenal guns down Tottenham; Liverpool lucky to escape with draw

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Arsenal underlined its credentials as a genuine contender for the Premier League title with an impressive 3-1 win over 10-man Tottenham in a bruising north London derby on Saturday.

Mikel Arteta's side made it seven wins from eight league games this season as it moved four points clear at the top of the table.

A hat-trick from Belgian forward Leandro Trossard earned Brighton a worthy point in an exhilarating 3-3 draw with Liverpool.

Easy finish: Jesus bundles in Arsenal's second into an empty Tottenham goal. AP

The results: Premier League: Arsenal 3 (Partey 20, Jesus 49, Xhaka 67) bt Tottenham 1 (Kane 31-pen); Bournemouth 0 drew with Brentford 0; Crystal Palace 1 (Edouard 7) lost to Chelsea 2 (Aubameyang 38, Gallagher 90).

Fulham 1 (Reid 88) lost to Newcastle 4 (Wilson 11, Almiron 33, 57, Longstaff 43).

Liverpool 3 (Firmino 33, 54, Webster 63-og) drew with Brighton 3 (Trossard 4, 18, 83); Southampton 1 (Aribo 49) lost to Everton 2 (Coady 52, McNeil 54).

LaLiga: Sevilla 0 lost to Atletico Madrid 2 (Llorente 29, Morata 57).

Serie A: Napoli 3 (Anguissa 6, 12, Kvaratskhelia 37) bt Torino 1 (Sanabria 44); Inter Milan 1 (Dimarco 30) lost to Roma 2 (Dybala 39, Smalling 75).

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 4 (Werner 15, 53, Nkunku 23-pen, 85) bt Bochum 0; Freiburg 2 (Gregoritsch 3, Kyereh 37) bt Mainz 05 1 (Martin 52); Cologne 3 (Kainz 53, Tigges 56, Ljubicic 71) bt Borussia Dortmund 2 (Brandt 31, Schmitz 78-og); .

On Friday: Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 4 (Sane 3, Musiala 17, Mane 39, Muller 84) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0.

La Liga: Athletic Bilbao 4 (Inaki Williams 10, Sancet 17, Nico Williams 62, Vesga 84-pen) bt Almeria 0.

It's Ashwa Magadheera vs. Salento in feature

RACING

HYDERABAD: Ashwa Magadheera and Salento should fight out the finish of the Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Gr.I), the stellar attraction of Sunday's (Oct. 2) races.

1 TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA CUP (1,400m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I) – 12.40 p.m.: 1. Victory Parade (2) Deepak Singh 67.5, 2. Knight Templar (5) Akshay Kumar 55, 3. Scramjet (1) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 4. Premier Action (3) Afroz Khan 50, 5. Top Secret (4) D.S. Deora 50 and 6. Super Angel (6) Abhay Singh 50.
1. SCRAMJET,
2. KNIGHT TEMPLAR

2 DELHI RACE CLUB CUP (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 – 1.15: 1. Glimmer Of Hope (3) Gaurav Singh 62, 2. Muaser (7) Akshay Kumar 62, 3. Dream Jewel (10) Santosh Raj 60, 4. Arba Wahed Arba (2) Deepak Singh 59, 5. That's My Way (1) Afroz Khan 59, 6. Red River (6) R.S. Jodha 58, 7. Good Tidings (5) Md. Ismail 57.5, 8. Sea Of Class (9) B.R. Kumar 57, 9. Open Affair (8) Mohit SIngh 56.5 and 10. Cephalonia (4) B. Nikhil 50.
1. MUASER,
2. GOOD TIDINGS,
3. GLIMMER OF HOPE

3 BANGALORE TURF CLUB (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.50: 1. Hashtag (9) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Gusty Note (8) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Carlisle (6) B.R. Kumar 58, 4. Hot Seat (7) Yash Narredu 57, 5. Elusive (1) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 6. Divine Connection (10) R.S. Jodha 56, 7. Essential (5) Aneel 55.5, 8. Star Cruise (3) Kuldeep Singh 54.5, 9. First Class (4) D.S. Deora 51 and 10. Malahat (2) Neeraj 51.
1. HASHTAG,
2. ELUSIVE,
3. HOT SEAT

4 MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.30: 1. Lifes Song (2) Srinath 60, 2. By The Bay (9) Yash Narredu 59.5, 3. Ballerina (7) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 4. Vintage Brut (4) Abhay Singh 58.5, 5. Ashwa Morocco (10) Antony Raj 57.5, 6. Rising Queen (8) Md. Ismail 54.5, 7. Black Onyx (3) D.S. Deora 53, 8. Indie (1) Rafique Sk. 52.5, 9. Bellagio (13) Afroz Khan 51.5, 10. Top In Class (12) Kuldeep Singh 51.5, 11. General Atlantic (5) B. Nikhil 51, 12. Morior Invictus (6) Santosh Raj 50.5 and 13. Stag's Leap (11) Ajeeth Kuamr 50.5.
1. BALLERINA,
2. ASHWA MOROCCO,
3. LIFES SONG

5 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II) – 3.05: 1. Falcon Edge (3) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. New Look (6) R.S. Jodha 58.5, 3. Xfinity (2) Ajeeth Kumar 57, 4. Red Snaper (9) Afroz Khan 55.5, 5. Staridar (1) Neeraj 55.5, 6. Stunning Force (4) Suraj Narredu 55, 7. Amyra (7) B.R. Kumar 52.5, 8. Chuckit (8) Dashrath Singh 52.5 and 9. Kingston (5) Kuldeep Singh 51.5.
1. FALCON EDGE,
2. STUNNING FORCE,
3. NEW LOOK

6 ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.40: 1. Ashwa Raudee (2) Kiran Naidu 60, 2. Ayr (4) Kuldeep Singh 58.5, 3. N N R I Sport (6) Santosh Raj 58.5, 4. Maximum Glamour (3) P.S. Chouhan 58, 5. Akido (8) Gaurav Singh 57, 6. Arthur (9) Akshay Kumar 55, 7. Wallop And Gallop (5) Ajeeth Kumar 53.5, 8. Char Ek Char (7) Rafique Sk. 52.5, 9. Pacific Command (1) Abhay Singh 52.5 and 10. Shazam (10) D.S. Deora 50.
1. ARTHUR,
2. ASHWA RAUDEE,
3. AYR

7 COROMANDEL GROMOR DECCAN DERBY (Gr. 1) (2,000m) (Terms), 3-y-o only – 4.15: 1. Ashwa Magadheera (5) Suraj Narredu 56, 2. Ashwa Yudhvir (4) Yash Narredu 56, 3. Salento (3) Antony Raj 56, 4. Artemis Ignacia (2) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 5. N R I Superpower (7) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 6. Princess Daka (6) Srinath 54.5 and 7. Shabelle (1) Trevor 54.5.
1. ASHWA MAGADHEERA,
2. SALENTO,
3. ARTEMIS IGANICIA

8 MYSORE RACE CLUB (DIV. I) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 5.00: 1. Star Racer (11) Kuldeep Singh 60, 2. Dream Station (9) Akshay Kumar 59, 3. Quality Warrior (4) B.R. Kumar 58, 4. Indian Temple (10) B. Nikhil 57, 5. Doe A Deer (6) Dashrath Singh 55.5, 6. Pedro Planet (5) Afroz Khan 55.5, 7. Melting Ice (3) Gaurav Singh 54, 8. Fly Tothe Stars (1) P.S. Chouhan 52.5, 9. Siri (8) Md. Ismail 52.5, 10. Lady Danger (2) D.S. Deora 51.5 and 11. Spectacular Cruise (7) Ajeeth Kumar 51.5.
1. FLY TOTHE STARS,
2. DREAM STATION,
3. QUALITY WARRIOR
Day's Best: SCRAMJET
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4, & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 3, 4 & 5. (iii) 6, 7 & 8.
Tanala: All races.

SNOOKER

Advani, Rawat in knockout stage of World 6-Red championship

Pankaj Advani and defending champion Laxman Rawat were among the Indians to qualify for the knockout stage of the World 6-Red snooker championship at Kuala Lumpur. Besides Advani and Laxman, Dhvaj Haria, Kamal Chawla and S. Shrikrishna also made it to the last-32.

BASKETBALL

U.S. crushes China to win women's World Cup for 11th time

A'ja Wilson poured in 19 points as the United States crushed China 83-61 to win its fourth straight women's basketball World Cup and 11th overall in Sydney on Saturday. Kelsey Plum added 17 points and Jewell Loyd 11 as the Americans stretched their WC unbeaten streak to 30 games.

GENERAL

Unmukt Chand suffers eye injury in the United States

Former India Under-19 captain Unmukt Chand has suffered an eye injury while playing for Silicon Valley Strikers in the Minor League Cricket in the United States. The 29-year-old retired from Indian cricket to be able to play in the USA. "It's never a smooth ride for an athlete," tweeted Chand.

CRICKET

Brett Lee glad to play alongside Gayle, Harbhajan in LLC

Former Australian fast bowling great Brett Lee is happy that he will have Chris Gayle and Harbhajan Singh for company in the ongoing Legends League Cricket (LLC). Lee, who will represent Manipal Tigers, had also played the inaugural edition in Oman's capital city of Muscat.

India's depleted pace attack comes under the scanner

In the absence of the injured Bumrah, good performances in the remaining matches could earn Siraj a ticket to the World Cup; Chahar will look to impress again, while Umesh hopes for a chance

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
GUWAHATI

India's depleted pace attack will come under scrutiny in the second Twenty20 International against South Africa here on Sunday.

A back injury to Jasprit Bumrah has ruled him out of the series. More worryingly, Bumrah may not be able to recover in time for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup which commences later this month.

World Cup carrot

Bumrah's absence opens the door for his replacement, Mohammed Siraj, to make an impact. Siraj, who joined the team at training here, last played a T20I in February. Good shows in the second and third T20Is could earn Siraj a ticket to the World Cup, if indeed Bumrah is unable to make the trip.

The World Cup carrot dangles in front of Deepak Chahar and Umesh Yadav as well. While Chahar scalped two wickets in India's victory in the first T20I at Thiruvananthapuram, Umesh sat out. There is a worry that Umesh can be wayward in the shortest format, so the team management is unlikely to pick him in the eleven here.

Men in form: Arshdeep was in full swing at Thiruvananthapuram, even as Rahul came up with a useful, albeit subdued, contribution. K.R. DEEPAK

Shami misses out

Mohammed Shami, on the standby list for the World Cup, misses out on vital game time as he is recuperating from COVID-19.

Left-arm fast bowler Arshdeep Singh did his reputation a world of good with a stellar show in the first T20I.

Arshdeep swung the ball prodigiously both ways to bamboozle the South Africans, and earned the Man-of-the-Match award for his three for 32 performance.

As the lone left-arm pacer in the World Cup squad, Arshdeep is all but guaranteed to feature extensively in Australia.

On the batting front, K.L. Rahul found some runs at Thiruvananthapuram, even if he was less than convincing. Rahul was scratchy in his unbeaten 56-ball 51, and was helped by Suryakumar Yadav's free-flowing approach at the other end.

Suryakumar's delightful unbeaten 33-ball 50 made the 107-run target wholly inadequate.

No way but up

Having been bowled out for a paltry score on Wednesday, South Africa must believe that there is no way but up. The top-order crumbled in the face of fine seam bowling, leaving India in cruise control for most of the encounter. The visitors are bound to put up a better fight.

The squads (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Umesh Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Shahbaz Ahmed and Mohammed Siraj.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Rilee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi and Tristan Stubbs.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

Dravid hopes Bumrah will recover in time for World Cup

Ashwin Achal
GUWAHATI

India head coach Rahul Dravid is "hopeful" that Jasprit Bumrah will recover from his injury quickly. Dravid has, however, not ruled Bumrah out of the T20 World Cup, even if the pacer is in a tough race against time.

"I haven't gone deeply into Bumrah's medical reports. I rely on the experts to tell me what it is. Bumrah is being assessed.

"We will know in due course what happens in the future. Until I get official confirmation that he is is ruled out, we will always be hopeful. We will hope for the best, not just for the team, but for Jasprit as an individual," Dravid said at a press meet here on Saturday. "As of now, Bumrah is officially ruled out of the T20 series against South Africa. He has gone to the NCA (in Bengaluru). We have to see what happens over the next few days," Dravid said.

He added, "We've been very clear about the kind of combinations we want. You can't pick an eleven several months in advance; you don't know about the wicket and conditions. We're clear about the skills we want in the squad for the World Cup."

Jemimah powers India to facile win over Sri Lanka

WOMEN'S ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

Jemimah Rodrigues played the role of 'enforcer' to perfection with a career-best 76 in T20Is before the bowlers produced a clinical display to power India to a 41-run win against Sri Lanka in the women's Asia Cup here on Saturday.

Jemimah put on a boundary-hitting exhibition, whacking 11 fours and a maximum in her counter-attacking 53-ball innings to help India post 150 for six.

Player-of-the-match Jemimah. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

The scores:

India: Shafali Verma c Malsha b Oshadi 10 *(11b, 1x4)*, Smriti Mandhana c Nilakshi b Sugandika 6 *(7b, 1x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues b Chamari 76 *(53b, 11x4, 1x6)*, Harmanpreet Kaur st Anushka b Oshadi 33 *(30b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Dayalan Hemalatha (not out) 13 *(10b, 1x4)*, Richa Ghosh lbw b Oshadi 9 *(6b, 1x6)*, Pooja Vastrakar run out 1 *(2b)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 150.

Fall of wickets: 1-13 (Smriti, 2.2 overs), 2-23 (Shafali, 3.6), 3-115 (Harmanpreet, 15.5), 4-134 (Jemimah, 17.4), 5-145 (Richa, 18.6), 6-149 (Pooja, 19.5).

Sri Lanka bowling: Sugandika 4-0-26-1, Oshadi 4-0-32-3, Achini 3-0-17-0, Malsha 2-0-18-0, Inoka 4-0-34-0, Kavisha 2-0-14-0, Chamari 1-0-8-1.

Sri Lanka: Harshitha Samarawickrama run out 26 *(20b, 5x4)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Renuka b Deepti 5 *(11b, 1x4)*, Malsha Shehani run out 9 (6b, 1x4), Hasini Perera c Radha b Deepti 30 *(32b, 3x4)*, Nilakshi de Silva lbw b Pooja 3 *(5b)*, Kavisha Dilhari c Renuka b Pooja 1 *(8b)*, Anushka Sanjeewani lbw b Radha 5 *(9b)*, Oshadi Ranasinghe c Sneh b Hemalatha 11 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sugandika Kumari c Smriti b Hemalatha 4 *(3b)*, Inoka Ranaweera (not out) 1 *(3b)*, Achini Kulasuriya st Richa b Hemalatha 1 *(4b)*; Extras (b-4, w-8, nb-1): 13; Total (in 18.2 overs): 109.

Fall of wickets: 1-25 (Chamari, 3.3), 2-39 (Malsha, 5.1), 3-48 (Harshitha, 7.2), 4-56 (Nilakshi, 8.3), 5-61 (Kavisha, 10.5), 6-81 (Anushka, 13.5), 7-102 (Oshadi, 16.1), 8-106 (Sugandika, 16.4), 9-108 (Hasini, 17.2).

India bowling: Renuka 2-0-20-0, Deepti 4-0-15-2, Sneh 4-0-28-0, Radha 3-0-15-1, Pooja 3-0-12-2, Hemalatha 2.2-0-15-3.

Next match: vs Malaysia, Sylhet, Oct. 3.

Gritty: Amlan, right, Elakkiyadasan, centre, and Shivakumar, left, the top three in the 100m. *Right:* Rosy, winner of the pole vault gold. V.V. KRISHNAN

Amlan, Jyothi emerge the fastest; Rosy sets new record

NATIONAL GAMES

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Amlan Borgohain and Jyothi Yarraji won exciting races to emerge as the fastest man and woman of the National Games here on Saturday.

Undistracted by a false start, a gritty Amlan clocked 10.38 seconds to take the gold.

Jyothi beat a star-studded field, including Hima Das, Dutee Chand and Sarabani Nanda, to take the women's crown in 11.51 seconds.

Both Amlan and Jyothi will compete in their primary events – 200m and 100m respectively – later.

Rosy Meena Paulraj took the pole vault gold with a new national record of 4.20m.

Commonwealth Games medallist M. Sreeshankar took the silver behind Jeswin Aldrin, who leaped 8.26m to win the gold with a new Games record, with a jump of 7.93m.

The results (finals, winners only): Men: 100m: Amlan Borgohain (Asm) 10.38; **400m:** Muhammed Ajmal (SSCB) 46.29 (GR, Old: 46.30, Amoj Jacob, Gandhinagar, 2022); **5000m:** Abhishek Pal (UP) 14:07.25; **long jump:** Jeswin Aldrin (TN) 8.26m (GR, Old: 8.04, Ankit Sharma, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015); **shot put:** Tajinderpal Singh (SSCB) 20.75m (GR, Old: 20.14, Inderjeet Singh, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015); **4x100m relay:** Tamil Nadu (Kathiravan, V.K. Elakkiyadasan, S. Jayakumar and B. Siva Kumar) 40.01.

Women: 100m: Jyothi Yarraji (AP) 11.51; **400m:** Aishwarya Mishra (Mah) 52.62; **5000m:** Parul Chaudhary (UP) 16:34.68; **pole vault:** Rosy Meena Paulraj (TN) 4.20m (NR, Old: 4.15, V.S. Surekha, New Delhi, 2014. Old GR: 4.00, Surekha, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015); discus: Nidhi Rani (Har) 51.65m; **4x100m relay:** Kerala (V.S. Bhavika, P.D. Anjali, A.P. Shilbi and A.P. Shelda) 45.52.

Ajith rewrites Achinta's clean and jerk record

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

N. Ajith broke Achinta Sheuli's clean and jerk national record and upset the Commonwealth Games champion to win the men's 73kg crown at the weightlifting arena of the National Games here on Saturday.

Ajith improved upon his National title-winning performance of 297kg in March to total 315kg and beat an off-colour Achinta by 20kg.

As Achinta faltered in his first two snatch attempts and managed 130kg, Ajith hoisted 141kg to establish a handsome lead.

Ajith achieved 174kg in his second clean and jerk effort to break Achinta's National mark by one kg and ensure his gold.

Achinta, who totaled 313kg in the CWG, did 165kg in clean and jerk to take the silver with an aggregate of 295kg.

The results: Men: 67kg: 1. Subhash Lahre (SSCB) snatch 121kg, clean and jerk 154kg, total 275kg; 2. K. Neelam Raju (AP) 124kg, 146kg, 270kg; 3. Susant Sahu (Odi) 119kg, 151kg, 270kg; **73kg:** 1. N. Ajith (TN) 141kg, 174kg, 315kg; 2. Achinta Sheuli (SSCB) 130kg, 165kg, 295kg; 3. Devapreedhan B. (Ker) 125kg, 156kg, 281kg. **Women: 59kg:** 1. Bindyarani Devi (Man) 83kg, 111kg, 194kg; 2. Popy Hazarika (Asm) 85kg, 108kg, 193kg; 3. Davinder Kaur (Pun) 85kg, 107kg, 192kg.

N. Ajith wins the men's 73kg weightlifting gold. VIJAY SONEJI

Esha in sports pistol, Arshdeep-Ramita duo in air rifle on target

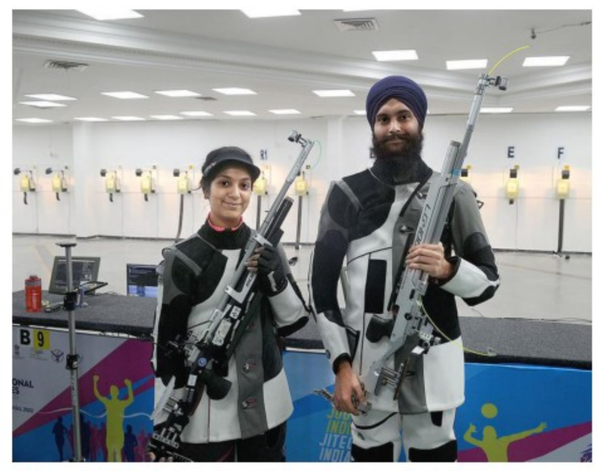
Santadeep Dey
AHMEDABAD

Telangana's Esha Singh on Saturday pulled a rabbit out of the hat to win her maiden National Games gold medal in women's 25m sports pistol at the Ahmedabad Military and Rifle Training Association in Khanpur.

Fighting to stay alive in the contest at one point in time during the ranking round, there wouldn't have been many in the audience who would have given her a chance. Her father-cum-mentor Sachin, however, never gave up hope. After she made the medal match, courtesy a solitary extra hit in a shoot-off against Haryana's Vibhuti Bhatia, Sachin smiled and said, "Just made it... somehow!"

In the medal match, she found herself precariously placed over the edge of a crevice again, only a point ahead of bottom-placed Manu Bhaker until the end of the third five-shot series.

With a perfect series (5/5) just before the elimination, she marked herself safe and even proceeded to get nine successful hits in the next 10 shots to move to the top. After that, there was no looking back as the 17-year-old finished with 26 points.



Triumphant pair: Ramita and Arshdeep who took the honours in 10m air rifle mixed team event. VIJAY SONEJI

Sachin, beaming with pride, as his daughter climbed onto the podium, said, "She has always been like this... She wins it out of nowhere." Haryana's Rhythm Sangwan (25) won silver, while Abhidnya Ashok Patil (19) of Maharashtra won bronze.

Haryana topples MP

Haryana toppled favourite Madhya Pradesh 17-9 to take the 10m air rifle mixed team honours home.

Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan were adjudged the winners of the two bronze medals.

MP's Shreya Agrawal, who was paired up with Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, started the gold medal match with a 9.9 and that kind of reflected what was to befall.

On the other hand, Haryana's Ramita, who is quickly climbing up the echelons of Indian shooting with solid recent performances in ISSF events, and Arshdeep Singh got off to a confident start, maintaining a clean sheet till 4-0 when both shooters registered 10.8 each.

INBRIEF

Ahamed completes a hat-trick of wins

K.Y. Ahamed of Petronas TVS Racing completed a hat-trick of wins in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category in the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI National motorcycle racing championships here on Saturday.

Important results (provisional, 6 laps unless mentioned):
National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: Race 1: 1. K.Y. Ahamed (Petronas TVS Racing) (11min, 20.954secs); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Petronas TVS Racing) (11:21.029); 3. Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:22.050).
Pro-Stock 165cc Open: Race 1: 1. Jagan Kumar (Petronas TVS Racing) (11:50.902); 2. Rajiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing) (11:51.067); 3. Mathana Kumar (Pacer Yamaha) (11:51.308).
Novice (Stock 165cc, Race-1): 1. Rohan Ramesh (Axor Sparks Racing) (13:00.141); 2. Kayan Zubin Patel (Axor Sparks Racing) (13:02.912); 3. P. Vignesh Goud (Pvt.) (13:04.091).

Qualifying (best lap, top 3): Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing) (02:08.446); 2. Jagruti Penkar (Axor Sparks Racing) (02:08.399); 3. Ryhana Bee (Pacer Yamaha) (02:09.858).
Petronas TVS One-Make Championship: Girls (Apache RTR 200, 5 laps): 1. Nithila Das (10:59.765); 2. Ananya Awasthi (11:22.981); 3. Aditi Krishnan (11:33.456).

HI names 33 probables for Pro League

Hockey India on Saturday named a 33-member men's core probable group, including the likes of captain Manpreet Singh and veteran goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh, for the FIH Pro League season opening matches beginning on October 28.

The Probables: Goalkeepers: P.R. Sreejesh, Krishan B. Pathak, Pawan; **Defenders:** Jarmanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Mandeep Mor, Yashdeep Siwach, Dipsan Tirkey, Sanjay, Manjeet, Sumit; **Midfielders:** Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Shamsher Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Rajkumar Pal, Pawan Rajbhar; **Forwards:** Akashdeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Maninder Singh, Mohd Raheel Mouseen, S Karthi, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek, Dilpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh.

Veteran Richa will be keenly challenged by 18-year-old Shrungi

Sreehari Nataraj will look to live up to the expectations here; the Advait-Kushagra face off will make the long-distance swimming interesting

NATIONAL GAMES

M. R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

The past, present, and future of Indian swimming have assembled to make the field competitive when the aquatic events of the 36th National Games gets underway at the Sardar Patel Aquatic complex here on Sunday.

Nothing can be more contrasting than the presence of 39-year-old Richa Mishra, taking part in her sixth National Games, and a bevy of teenage national champions who were not even born when Richa took part in her first National Games in 1997.

Fresh from winning the gold in 400m medley in the senior nationals, Richa is still hungry and keen to add more medals to her collection.

Richa's main rival will be the 18-year-old Shrungi Bandekar who was the star of the recent Khelo India University Games.

Shrungi will be looking for revenge, and treat her loss to Richa at the nationals an aberration when the two generations square off again here.

The young Astha Choudhary of Assam, the national record holder in 100m butterfly, is another promising swimmer who is set to corner all the attention in the Games.

On her home turf, Olympian Maana Patel will be looking to set the pool on fire in the backstroke events. Maana, who won three individual golds in the recent National championships, will spearhead host Gujarat's challenge and will be hoping to add more gold medals to her kitty in this meet.

Sajan Prakash, Sreehari Nataraj, Advait Page and Kushagra Rawat in the recent past have played their part in increasing the general standards of men's swimming in India.

Sajan will be hoping to relive some of the greatest moments of his career again here in Rajkot. Sajan was the toast of the Kerala National Games when he won six gold medals in 2015.

As a one-man army from Kerala, the 29-year-old will be taking part in as many events as possible to boost the medal tally of his home state.

Sreehari Nataraj's fifth place finish in 50m backstroke in the Commonwealth Games has underlined his growing stature, and the Bengaluru swimmer will be keen to live up to the expectations here.

The Advait-Kushagra face off will make the long distance swimming interesting. Upcoming swimmer Vedaant Madhavan will be testing the water against the best in business. S. Siva, triple gold medallist at the recent Nationals, is another swimmer to watch out for.

Traditional powers Karnataka, Maharashtra will look to extend their domination in the pool, though host Gujarat will try to put its best effort to garner more medals.

Having fun: Swimmers enjoy a lighter moment during a practice session on Saturday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Shivanee displays true sportsmanship, takes 50kg gold

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Shivanee Pawar emerged the worthy winner in the women's 50kg category as she displayed true spirit of sports to assist her injured opponent to get off the mat in the wrestling arena of the National Games here on Saturday.

The 23-year-old, a World under-23 silver medallist, gave a good account of herself as she defeated Ankush, who has been selected for the World under-23 championships, 'by fall' in the 50kg final.

"Like me, Ankush is part of the National camp. She got injured during the first round of the final and lost. This much sympathy is expected from any wrestler," said Shivanee, hailing from Bhopal and now settled in Delhi. Radhika claimed the women's 68kg gold.

In men's freestyle, Dinesh defeated Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Mohit Grewal 5-0 to take the 125kg crown. Anuj Kumar beat Sharwan 8-6 for the 65kg title.

In Greco Roman, Deepandhu outclassed Ravi 8-0 in the 97kg summit clash and Sajan beat Rafiq 10-1 in the 77kg gold medal match.

Rajat Chauhan (711) and V. Jyothi Surekha (705) topped the men and women ranking rounds in the compound competitions at the Sanskardham campus in Ahmedabad.

Opportunity for youngsters to showcase their talent

M. R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Indian hockey has been on a revival mode since the exceptional performance of both men and women's team in the Tokyo Olympics. The hockey events of the 36th National Games which begins at the Dhyanchand Hockey stadium on Sunday could possibly unearth new talents and give the much needed push to the game in the country.

With only the top eight teams in fray, the competition is expected to be of high standards and it is chance for many young players to come into the national reckoning.

The groupings:
Men: **Group-A**: Haryana, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Gujarat;
Group-B: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
Women: **Group-A**: Odisha, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat;
Pool-B: Karnataka, Jharkhand, Punjab and MP.

RoI pacers breathe fire as Saurashtra shot out for 98

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

An exhibition of raw pace and accurate bowling followed by a partnership involving belligerent and sensible batting helped Rest of India dominate the opening day's proceedings of the Irani Cup tie against Saurashtra.

Fifth lowest total
The trio of Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Sen and Umran Malik exposed the frailties of the Saurashtra batters while facing genuine pace bowling as the side was was bowled out for a paltry 98 in the first session at the Saurashtra Cricket Association stadium. This was the fifth lowest total in the Irani Cup,

Captain Hanuma Vihari (62 batting, 145b, 9x4, 1x6) and Sarfaraz Khan (125 batting, 126b, 19x4, 2x6) then bailed RoI out of trouble from a precarious 18 for three. The duo's unbroken 187-run association – with Sarfaraz literally toying with the bowlers en route to a 92-ball hundred – helped the team end the day with a lead of 107.

Seven Saurashtra batters being caught behind underlined their inability to handle the pace of the RoI trio, all of whom bowled in the perfect channel.

Striking up front
Mukesh and Sen struck up front, reducing Saurashtra to five for four in the first half hour. While Mukesh struck off successive balls in the third over, Sen saw the back of mainstay Cheteshwar Pujara, whose audacious slash saw Vihari pouching the thick edge on the second attempt.

Umran then showcased his raw pace, first going through Arpit Vasavada's defence and then hitting Jaydev Unadkat's off-stump with a peach of a yorker.

Post lunch, Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya saw off the RoI top three in no time. In came Sarfaraz and started with a flurry of boundaries to take off the pressure.

Sarfaraz was at his dominant best as he displayed all the strokes in his array. Thanks to his 360-degree batting, Sarfaraz raced to his 10th First Class hundred. With Vihari, given a reprieve in the dying minutes, using his feet well against the spinners, RoI gained ascendancy.

Dominating show: Sarfaraz displayed all the strokes in his array. SAURASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The scores:
Saurashtra — 1st innings: Harvik Desai c Vihari b Mukesh 0, Snell Patel c Bharat b Mukesh 4, Chirag Jani c Abhimanyu b Mukesh 0, Cheteshwar Pujara c Vihari b Sen 1, Sheldon Jackson c Sarfaraz b Mukesh 2, Arpit Vasavada b Umran 22, Prerak Mankad c Bharat b Sen 9, Jaydev Unadkat b Umran 12, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja c Abhimanyu b Umran 28, Parth Bhut c Bharat b Sen 1, Chetan Sakariya (not out) 13; Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-1): 6; Total (in 24.5 overs): 98.
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-4, 3-5, 4-5, 5-30, 6-34, 7-52, 8-60, 9-65.
Rest of India bowling: Mukesh 10-4-23-4, Sen 7-1-41-3, Umran 5.5-1-25-3, Jayant 2-1-4-0.
Rest of India — 1st innings: Abhimanyu Easwaran c Vasavada 0, Mayank Agarwal c sub (Vishvaraj) b Sakariya 11, Yash Dhull c Desai b Unadkat 5, Hanuma Vihari (batting) 62, Sarfaraz Khan (batting) 125; Extras (b-1, w-1): 2; Total (for three wkts. in 49 overs): 205.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-16, 3-18.
Saurashtra bowling: Unadkat 10-0-47-2, Sakariya 11-1-50-1, Jani 8-1-31-0, Mankad 6-1-20-0, Bhut 9-1-26-0, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 5-0-30-0.
Toss: Rest of India.

LIVE TELECAST

Irani Trophy: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 4, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Tuesday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)
Formula 1: Singapore GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 9 p.m.
India vs South Africa: 2nd T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.
Pakistan vs England: 7th T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Bezzecchi. REUTERS

Bezzecchi sets lap record, grabs pole at Thai MotoGP

Agence France-Presse
BURIRAM (THAILAND)

Italian rookie Marco Bezzecchi clinched his first MotoGP pole position on Saturday as he scorched his way to a lap record in Buriram, Thailand, with title contender Francesco Bagnaia qualifying third.

It will be an all-Ducati front row for Sunday's race after Bezzecchi set a best time of 1:29.671s, pipping Spaniard Jorge Martin by 0.021s and Bagnaia (0.104s). "I didn't know that I was pole position because I couldn't see the big screen in the sun," Bezzecchi said.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Karnika Sree makes final
S. Karnika Sree moved into the under-17 girls' singles final with a tough 21-19, 21-18 victory over Diya Bheemaiah in the Karnataka State U-15 & U-17 badminton championship being held in Shivamogga.
The results (U-17, semifinals): **Boys:** M.A. Laksh Chengappa bt K.K. Abhishek 21-4, 21-14; Nicholas Nathan Raj bt Satvik Shankar 21-15, 21-15.
Girls: S. Karnika Sree bt Diya Bheemaiah 21-19, 21-18; Gowri Vineeth Bhat bt Rao R. Preethi 21-19, 21-16.

Pranav Nair stars for Bharath SU
Pranav Nair top-scored with 22 points as Bharath SU defeated Rajkumar BC 59-44 in a boys' category match in the state junior basketball championship at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday.
The results: Boys: HBR BC 63 (Sai Sanketh 16, Pratham 10) bt Appaiah BC 39 (Pradyumna 18, Dhruva 13); Bharath SU 59 (Pranav Nair 22, Akshath 17) bt Rajkumar BC 44 (Karan 14, Rakshan 14); MNK Rao Park BC 52 (Ashwin 10) bt Mounts Club 32 (Vivaan 10).
Girls: PPC 45 (Drithi 21) bt YMMA 22 (Prachi 12); Koramangala SC 51 (Harini 12) bt MNK Rao Park Club 22 (Bhavika 10).

Leclerc takes pole in Singapore Grand Prix

SINGAPORE GP

S. DIPAK RAGAV
SINGAPORE

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc secured pole position with a time of 1:49.412s for the Singapore Grand Prix in changeable track conditions even as title-favourite Max Verstappen had to settle for only eighth place in the qualifying session held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit on Saturday.

Red Bull's Sergio Perez took second, just two-hundredths of a second behind Leclerc, with Lewis Hamilton and the other Ferrari of Carlos Sainz completing the second row of the grid.

However, the big shock of the day was Verstappen being asked by his team to abort his final qualifying lap.

It looked like the reigning champion could have challenged for the front row of the grid as he was improving on his timeseven as Leclerc had made a mistake on his final run and aborted it.

Leclerc. REUTERS

Verstappen was furious with his team's call to abort the lap but the team just gave a coded message that it will be explained later.

He later said that his Red Bull car would not have had enough fuel left in the car to provide a sample to the FIA, had he completed the lap and tried to return to the pits.

In case the FIA finds the car did not have enough fuel, the car will be excluded from qualifying and sent to the back of the grid.

Verstappen's hopes of sealing his second world title here took a big hit as he needed to outscore Leclerc by 22 points. But on a track where overtaking is extremely difficult, Verstappen's chances look slim with his chief rival starting on pole.

Fernando Alonso in the Alpine and Lando Norris in the McLaren came fifth and sixth respectively. Pierre Gasly in the AlphaTauri was seventh ahead of former teammate Verstappen while Mercedes driver George Russell was another big loser finishing only 11th fastest.

The grid: Row 1: Leclerc (Ferrari), Perez (Red Bull); **Row 2:** Hamilton (Mercedes), Sainz (Ferrari).
Row 3: Alonso (Alpine), Norris (McLaren); **Row 4:** Gasly (AlphaTauri), Verstappen (Red Bull); **Row 5:** Magnussen (Haas), Tsunoda (AlphaTauri).
Row 6: Russell (Mercedes), Stroll (Aston Martin); **Row 7:** Schumacher (Haas), Vettel (Aston Martin).
Row 8: Zhou (Alfa Romeo), Bottas (Alfa Romeo); **Row 9:** Ricciardo (McLaren), Ocon (Alpine); **Row 10:** Albon (Williams), Latifi (Williams).

Indian men blank Uzbekistan; women lose

Sports Bureau

India lost to fifth seed Germany 2-3 in its opening group match of the World team table tennis championships in Chengdu on Saturday.

Earlier, the Indian men blanked Uzbekistan 3-0.

The results:
Men: India bt Uzbekistan 3-0 [Harmeet Desai bt Elmurod Kholikov 11-9, 11-9, 11-1; G. Sathiyan bt Abdulaziz Anorboev 11-3, 11-6, 11-9; Manav Thakkar bt Shokhrukh Iskandarov 11-8, 11-5, 11-5].
Women: Germany bt India 3-2 (Ying Han bt Manika Batra 11-3, 11-1, 11-2; Nina Mittelham lost to Sreeja Akula 9-11, 10-12, 7-11; Sabine Winter lost to Diya Chitale 9-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-13; Nina bt Manika 7-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8; Ying bt Sreeja 11-3, 11-5, 11-4].

Sikki-Rohan pair loses in semifinals

Press Trust of India
HO CHI MINH

Indian mixed doubles pair of N. Sikki Reddy and Rohan Kapoor suffered a straight game loss in the semifinals of the Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton tournament here on Saturday.

The unseeded Indian pair lost 16-21, 14-21 to top seeded Indonesian combination of Rehan Naufal Kusharjanto and Lisa Ayu Kusumawati in a 37-minute contest.

The defeat brought the curtains down on India's campaign at the tournament.

India stays fourth in the ICC Women's ODI and T20I rankings

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

India maintained its fourth spot in the ICC women's One-Day International and Twenty20 International team rankings after the world body carried out an annual update on Saturday.

India has gained a point and now has 104 points in the ODI rankings.

In the T20 list, the Commonwealth Games silver medallist's rating points have increased by four to 266 points in the latest update.

Australia has established a record margin at the top of the ODI rankings while also increasing its lead in the T20I rankings.

The Commonwealth Games and World Cup champion has stretched its lead over South Africa from 48 to 51 rating points in ODIs, the biggest lead ever by any international men's or women's side in any form of the game.

The lead over second-placed T20I team England has increased from 14 to 18 rating points.

There is no change of positions in the ODI rankings.

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SEOUL

North Korea fires ballistic missiles, for the fourth time this week

A TV screen showing a news programme reporting North Korea's missile launch in Seoul on Saturday. North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters making it the fourth round of weapons launches this week that are seen as a response to military drills among its rivals. AP

SOFIA

Greece-Bulgaria pipeline opens; start of a new era, says EU chief

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Bulgarian President Rumen Radev attending a ceremony to mark the start of operations of the gas interconnector link between Greece and Bulgaria on Saturday. The EU chief hailed a new era amid the EU's efforts to wean itself off Russian energy. REUTERS

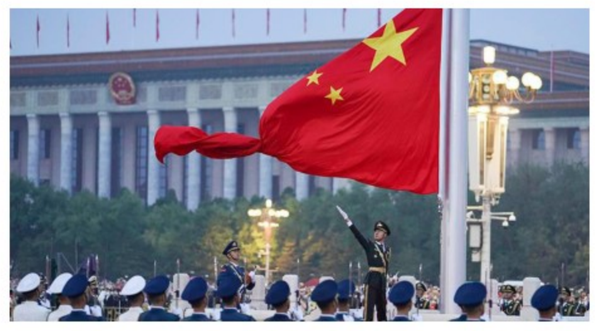
AFGHANISTAN

Kabul classroom bombing toll rises to 35, says UN mission

A 19-year-old Hazara Afghan girl sitting and crying on the bench she was sitting on, during Friday's suicide bomber attack on a Hazara education centre in Kabul in Afghanistan on Saturday. "The latest casualty figures from the attack number at least 35 fatalities, with an additional 82 wounded," the UN mission in Afghanistan said. AP

BEIJING

73rd anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China held



A member of the Chinese honour guard unfurls the Chinese national flag during a flag raising ceremony to mark the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China at the Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Saturday. The day marks the founding of the PRC by then-leader Mao Zedong following a civil war. AP

Russia withdraws troops after Ukraine encircles key city

Moscow says it has withdrawn troops from the once-occupied city of Lyman, as Ukraine's eastern counteroffensive recaptures more regions

Associated Press
KYIV

Mounting toll: A civilian convoy that was hit by a shelling from Russian troops in Kharkiv in Ukraine on Saturday. REUTERS

After being encircled by Ukrainian forces, Russia pulled troops out on Saturday from an eastern Ukrainian city that it had been using as a front-line hub. It was the latest victory for the Ukrainian counteroffensive that has humiliated and angered the Kremlin.

Russia's withdrawal from Lyman complicates its internationally vilified move to annex four regions of Ukraine and paves the way for Ukrainian troops to potentially push further into land that Moscow now illegally claims as its own.

The fighting comes at a pivotal moment in Russian President Vladimir Putin's war.

Russia's Defense Ministry claimed to have inflicted damage on Ukrainian forces in battling to hold onto Lyman, but said outnumbered Russian troops were withdrawn to more favorable positions. The Russian announcement came soon after Ukraine's air force said it had moved into Lyman and the Ukrainian President's chief of staff posted photos of a Ukrainian flag being hoisted on the town's outskirts.

Lyman, a key transport hub, had been an important node in the Russian front line for both ground communications and logistics.

In the northeast, Ukrainian officials accused Russian forces of attacking a civilian evacuation convoy, killing 20 persons including children. In the south, Ukraine's nuclear power provider said on Saturday that Russian forces blindfolded and detained the head of Europe's largest nuclear plant.

Burkina Faso witnesses second coup of the year

Agence France-Presse
OUAGADOUGOU

Soldiers blocked main roads and gunfire was heard in the capital of Burkina Faso on Saturday, as world powers condemned the second coup this year in the deeply poor and restive West African country.

Junior officers toppled a junta leader on Friday, saying he had failed to fight jihadist attacks in the country.

On Saturday, several witnesses said they heard gunfire in the centre of the capital Ouagadougou, after which troops once again blocked the main roads in the city, including around the presidency.

The European Union and the African Union added their voices to a chorus of global condemnation to the change in power.

"The chairperson calls upon the military to refrain from any acts of violence," the AU said in a statement.

The European Union warned that the coup put in danger efforts undertaken to restore constitutional order by July 1, 2024.

Attack on Iran police station kills 19 persons, including four elite Guard members

Associated Press
DUBAI

Assailants hid among worshippers near a mosque in Zahedan and attacked the nearby police station

An attack by armed separatists on a police station in a southeastern city killed 19 persons, including four members of Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard, Iran's state-run *IRNA* news agency reported on Saturday.

The assailants in Friday's attack hid among worshippers near a mosque in the city of Zahedan and attacked the nearby police station, according to the report.

32 guards wounded

IRNA quoted Hossein Modaresi, the provincial governor, as saying 19 persons were killed. The outlet said 32 Guard members, including volunteer Basiji forces, were also wounded in the clashes.

It was not immediately clear if the attack was related to nationwide anti-government protests gripping Iran after the death in police custody of a young Iranian woman.

Sistan and Baluchestan province borders Afghanistan and Pakistan and has seen previous attacks on security forces by ethnic Baluchi separatists, although Saturday's *Tasnim* report did not identify a separatist group allegedly involved in the attack.

Tasnim and other state-linked Iranian news outlets reported on Friday that the head of the Guard's intelligence department, Seyyed Ali Mousavi, was shot during the attack and later died.

It is not unusual for IRG members to be present at police bases around the country.

Weeks of protest

Thousands of Iranians have taken to the streets over the last two weeks to protest the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman who had been detained by the morality police in the capital of Tehran for allegedly wearing her mandatory Islamic headscarf too loosely.

Erdogan asks Sweden and Finland to keep promise

Agence France-Presse
ISTANBUL

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday warned Turkey would not ratify the NATO membership bids of Sweden and Finland until the two Nordic countries "kept" promises they had made to Ankara.

"Until the promises made to our country are kept, we will maintain our principled position," Mr. Erdogan said in a speech to parliament in Ankara.

Mr. Erdogan has accused both countries of being havens for Kurdish militants and for promoting "terrorism".

In an apparently significant concession to Ankara, Sweden on Friday announced they had re-authorised exports of war materials to Turkey.

Being a refugee in Sri Lanka amid a biting economic downturn

Meera Srinivasan
NEGOMBO

Riffat Fareedun and Fareedun Saeed in their home in Negombo. MEERA SRINIVASAN

The two large beds, with no gap in between, occupy almost the entire area of the room, barely 12 X 8 feet. The Fareeduns' family of four has been using the space, which also has a small TV on the wall, a sewing machine, and a side table crowded with water bottles, as their living room-cum-study-cum-bedroom for nearly a decade.

From the time they left Pakistan and sought refuge in Sri Lanka in 2012 – their daughters were one and three then – fleeing persecution after the couple's fiercely opposed inter-caste marriage, the family has endured in this cramped space, amid uncertainty over their resettlement. "This long wait has been agonising for us," said Riffat Fareedun, 39, a refugee from Karachi living in Sri Lanka's coastal city of Negombo, about 40 km north of Colombo.

Refugee families are leading especially precarious lives now amid Sri Lanka's economic downturn, marked by sharp inflation, soaring living costs and shortages, that has prompted scores of Sri Lankans to desperately flee the country. Regardless of the dire situation in Sri Lanka, refugees cannot leave until their papers are cleared by the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). And that could take up to a decade or more, as the Fareeduns' experience shows.

Once persecuted persons arrive in Sri Lanka – the island nation has a relatively easier visa regime in the region –they must go through different stages from being asylum seekers, to being recognised as refugees, before finally qualifying for resettlement elsewhere. This is because Sri Lanka is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and can, at best, host them only temporarily.

Refugee status

According to the UNHCR, Sri Lanka currently has a little over 800 persons in total, mostly from Pakistan and Afghanistan, seeking resettlement. Of them, about 600 are refugees while some 160 are asylum seekers awaiting refugee status that makes them eligible for nominal monthly assistance from the agency. Following the island's painful economic crash, the UN refugee agency recognised the need to double this monthly allowance to little over LKR 40,000 (roughly ₹9,000), refugee families said.

"It should be clearly understood that asylum-seekers and refugees do not have the right to work and are without the usual safety nets and social networks that nationals of a country have. They are therefore more vulnerable," an official from the UNHCR told *The Hindu*, explaining the rationale for the assistance. The monthly sum that refugees receive from the UNHCR is to cover rent, medical expenses, and other living expenses, all of which have increased exponentially amid Sri Lanka's crisis. Food inflation went up to almost 95% in September.

"A few of us, refugee families, have been buying atta in bulk to save a few hundreds. That is how bad things are," said a refugee, requesting anonymity. "Many of us have escaped traumatic situations, we have serious health issues. I spent [LKR] 7,000 rupees (about ₹1,560) on medical tests recently and the expense has badly hit our family's monthly budget. I am also trying to cope with depression," said the 27-year-old, looking worn out.

Processing application

Activists working with refugees note that there is more Sri Lanka can do. Ruki Fernando, a human rights defender working with refugee communities urged the UNHCR to expedite the processing of asylum seekers' applications. In the short term, the Sri Lankan government must include the children of refugees and asylum seekers in its free education policy and subsidy programmes, and in the long term, offer permanent resettlement through domestic mechanisms, he said.

Meanwhile, refugee families have only their hope and resilience to count on. "*Jaanu* (my life), bring that file," Riffat Fareedun told her husband in Urdu. Turning its laminated slots one after the other, she shows her daughters' school certificates with evident pride. Now 11 and 13, the girls have topped their class in studies, won prizes in story telling competitions and chess tournaments. Between the slots is one slightly faded certificate, from 1995. It's her own, for completing her beautician course in Karachi.

CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI
No/CCB/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-12/2022-23 Dated: 30 -09-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)
The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 Rules 2000 through E-procurement as per Standard Tender Documents for the works approved under the 15th Finance grant for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23, SFC Drinking Water for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23 & Corporation fund, total 08 nos of work tender is called. The last date for the submission of tender is 21-10-2022. For more details visit online website (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Any Addendum/ Corrigendum will be published in e-procurement portal only.
Sd/-Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-949/MCA/2022-23

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Last date : 17.10.2022.
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No: SNO/104/A S/01/Covid Helpline/2022-23 Date: 26-09-2022
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement)
Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services invites tender from service provider with necessary documents for **Operation and Maintenance of 100 - Seaters Covid Helpline.**
The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded through e-Procurement Portal from **01-10-2022 onwards** and Last Date for Receipt of Tenders is **03-11-2022 on or before 5.30 PM.**
Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours **from 10.00 AM to 5.30 PM.**
Sd/- Director
Health and Family Welfare Services,
Bengaluru.
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.
Tender Notification No. : 06/2022-23 Date : 30-09-2022
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SL No. (7) Documents may be downloaded from 20-10-2022 & Last Date for Submission of tenders 07-11-2022 up to 16.00 hours. Date of Opening of Technical bid 08-11-2022 at 16.30 hours (if possible).Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-procurement. Estimate Cost Rs.500.00 lakhs.
For more information contact the above office during office hours.
Note: Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E–Portal Only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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NO. PCB/117/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/4451 Date: 30-09-2022
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION
Sri Ramareddeppa, has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 66,882 TPA over an area of 6-00 acres at Sy. No.53 (Part), Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District.The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 593 MIN 2021 dated: 14.01.2022 and request of the project proponent letter received on 16.02.2022 at Head Office; the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board. The Environmental Public Hearing was earlier scheduled on 24.06.2022 and the same was published in the newspapers (Kannada: Prajavani & English: The Hindu) on 25.05.2022. It was postponed as per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District and the Environmental Public Hearing is re-scheduled on 18.10.2022 (Tuesday) at 1100 AM.
The details of the project are as follows:
Name of the Proponent & Address : Sri Ramareddeppa, S/o, Nagareddeppa Reddar, H. No. 1/29, Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District, Karnataka.
2. Location of Proposed Quarry : Sy.No.53 (Part), Kolur Village, KoppalTaluk& District, Karnataka.
3. Details of proposed activity : Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 66,882 TPA
4. Pollution control measures proposed : Chemical Toilet will be provided for the disposal of domestic waste water generated from quarry office. Rainwater collected during the rainy season in the mine will be used for dust suppression and plantation. Regular sprinkling of water on haul and access roads. Regular maintenance of all equipment to minimize particulate matter and gaseous emissions from diesel engines. Plantation of thick greenbelt is provided around lease area boundary and it acts as a barrier to restrict fugitive emissions.
5. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : 18.10.2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM at the proposed project site, Sy. No. 53 (Part), Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District, Karnataka.
6. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal, (b) Chief Executive Officer, ZillaPanchayat, Koppal, (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal, (d) TalukPanchayath, Koppal, (e) Village Panchayath Office, Kolur, (f) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal, (g) SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru–560 001, (h) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, ParisaraBhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru–560 001.
NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**
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Medicinal fungi may be suitable for identifying novel drugs

Shubashree Desikan

An analytical study of medicinal fungi carried out by researchers from the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai (IMSc), shows that some chemicals they secrete may find use as novel drugs. They used a database, MeFSAT (Medicinal Fungi Secondary Metabolites And Therapeutics), which compiles information on 184 medicinal fungi, including mushrooms.

The researchers analysed the structure of 1,830 secondary metabolites of medicinal fungi.

Fitness booster

Secondary metabolites are chemical compounds that fungi produce when they are stressed. They enhance the fungus' ability to survive. The work has been published in the preprint server *BioRXiv*.

Cordycepin, a secondary metabolite produced by *Cordyceps* species of fungus, is known to have anti-tumour properties. "Not only cordycepin, in general, several secondary metabolites are known to be beneficial for humans in terms of both therapy and health," says R.P. Vivek Ananth, a PhD student from IMSc, who has contributed to this research.

Diverse structures

In their analysis, the researchers, guided by Areejit Samal from IMSc, found that the secondary metabolites were structurally distant from existing drugs. Also, their 'scaffolding' was different from known drugs. About 94% of the chemical scaffolds identified in secondary metabolites of medicinal fungi were not present in approved drugs. As for the complete chemical structure, the secondary metabolites were quite dissimilar to the approved drugs.

This alone cannot tell that there are metabolites in fungi that can be used as drugs. However, the secondary metabolites of medicinal fungi have molecular properties, which are important for drug likeness, similar to approved drugs. "This makes the secondary metabolites of the medicinal fungi suitable for identifying novel drugs with hitherto unknown chemical scaffolds," explains Dr. Samal.

Used in medicine

Medicinal fungi belongs to two taxonomic divisions namely, *basidiomycota* and *ascomycota*. Mushrooms belong to the *basidiomycota* division. An example is *Agaricus bisporus*, the button mushroom, which can be consumed. Fungi belonging to the *ascomycota* division are generally not mushrooms.

"In future, we plan to map the scaffolds to their biological targets, which will further pave the way for identifying potential lead molecules for drug discovery," says Mr. Ananth.

Does scrapping of awards signal misplaced priorities?

The government order shuts down all awards instituted through private endowments for which the government was not spending anything

Aniket Sule

Each year, September 26 is celebrated by the Indian Scientific Community as the birthday of Prof. Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, a stalwart of Indian science in the 1940s and 1950s and the founding head of CSIR. This is also a day when the government announces the yearly Bhatnagar Awards aimed at honouring the most outstanding researchers (under the age of 45) working in India. But this year was an exception. There was no announcement of award winners.

Instead, the government released a copy of minutes of a high-level meeting held the previous week. The minutes reveal that the government has resolved to scrap most of the existing awards, including those instituted through private endowment, and introduce a 'select few high-stature' awards instead.

Very few awards to motivate scientists

The government has resolved to scrap most of the existing awards given annually to scientists

- As per the minutes of the meeting, the government intends to introduce a select few high stature awards instead
- It still remains unclear what the rationale has been for the sudden decision to scrap most of the awards
- It is very unlikely that the economic downturn is the reason for scrapping of awards as the total annual budget of all the awards is small
- While bias and prejudice cannot be ruled out, the supposedly bad choices have been only a few till date
- Most of the time, the current system of selection has undoubtedly rewarded excellence
- The government plans to replace all the awards with a few high-stature awards tentatively called Vigyan Ratna

There is no official communication that Bhatnagar Awards would be continued.

Unfair means

The decision raises more questions than it answers. It remains unclear what the rationale was for the sudden scrapping of most awards. One reason could be that the government is of the impression that the current awards are handed out in an unfair manner.

While bias and prejudice cannot be ruled out, there is a strong notion that winning an award becomes easier when the potential awardee is a favourite of one or more members of the selection committee. But these supposedly bad choices have been only a few and most of the time, the current system of selection has undoubtedly rewarded excellence.

Since the minutes have not listed out the reasons, speculations about the government's motive are rife. It was thought that this cull is part of the overall austerity measure, in light of the economic downturn. But that seems unlikely as the total annual budget of all these cancelled awards is so small that it is less than rounding error in the Union Budget. Secondly, this order also shuts down all awards instituted through private endowments, for which the government was not spending anything.

Strangely, the order does not clarify what would happen to the said endowment if it is not used for giving those respective awards. Another oddity about this order is that all the ministries have been told to stop all 'non-core-domain' awards.

It is no secret that only a small fraction of the Indian scientific community align themselves with the questionable scientific agenda of the current government. Centralising all the awards is seen as one way of giving the government a greater control over the selection committees and reward scientists who are seen favourably by the government. This will help in raising the profile of such scientists, paving the way for their eventual elevation to the leadership positions in different research institutes and universities.

Delayed fellowship

There is apprehension that social media activity of prominent scientists is being monitored and that the government has not taken kindly to the critical comments made about its scientific policies. Even before the pandemic, there were occasional instances of fellowships of young researchers getting delayed by 2-3 months. But since the last three years, an astonishingly large fraction of researchers have been experiencing delays. These delayed fellowships and grants not only means that skilled researchers are just sitting in their labs without being able to procure necessary samples, chemicals or equipment but it also leads to a large number of PhD students quitting mid-way as they are unable to support their families.

Recently, the government issued another order asking researchers to open a new bank account for each new project and meeting all expenses of that project only through that specific account. This would not just lead to more unnecessary paperwork but would create comical situations such as placing multiple orders of the same chemical for the same lab, because it must be billed to multiple projects. Thankfully, after backlash, the government promised reconsideration. Few months back, the government raised the GST on purchase of scientific equipment from 5% to 18%, which has been playing havoc on the research budget of many institutions.

Mandating permissions

International collaborations have been made almost impossible by mandating multiple permissions just to invite a foreign researcher to an institute or to sign an MoU with a foreign university. Anything which involves foreigners or foreign currency is viewed dimly and has to clear multiple hurdles, which hampers research. The whole procedure has become needlessly cumbersome.

It has been said that the government plans to replace all these awards with a 'few high-stature' awards, tentatively called Vigyan Ratna. Only time will tell if these new awards adequately cover the diversity in not just research disciplines but also in researchers themselves. More importantly, the scientific community would be keenly watching if the new awards are decided on quality of research or they become a vehicle to promote scientists who are favoured by the government.

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How can India reduce its impact on global warming

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has pointed out that since the industrial revolution, which started around 1800, human activities have released large amounts of carbon dioxide (CO_2) due to fuel burning and other 'greenhouse gases' such as methane, nitrous oxide, and compounds of sulphur, phosphorous, ozone into the atmosphere, changing the earth's climate.

Alarming increase

Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels have increased by over 40%, from 280 ppm in the 18th century to 414 ppm in 2020, and greenhouse gases level by over these 200 years.

India had 170 million people in 1800, which has risen to 1.4 billion people today. And industrial revolution started only after India's Independence 75 years ago. While it has helped in reduction of poverty, it has also led to rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) site points out that we have a rural population that constitutes 70% of the country, and their main occupation is agriculture. This gives us a total foodgrain production of 275 million tonne. India is the second largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, cotton and groundnuts. It, thus, becomes important that India reduce its carbon footprint, more in its farming sector.

Farmers have come up with some admirable methods, with the help of agricultural professionals, by using solar panels in their fields, so that they can avoid diesel for groundwater pumps.

Sibi Arasu, an independent journalist from Bengaluru, writes, "Climate-friendly agriculture offers new income sources and is more sustainable" in the journal *Carbon Management* that India's carbon emissions could drop by 45-62 million tonnes annually. The government and professional groups have helped rural farmers put in solar panels to save money and gain greater income.

Carbon footprint: India is the second largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, cotton and groundnuts. GETTY IMAGES

Indian farmers not only grow rice and wheat but produce other foodgrains as well. They grew about 121.5 million tonnes of rice and 109 million tonnes of wheat during the year 2020-2021. They also produce other foodgrains such as millets (*bajra*), cassava and more. They grow about 12 million tonnes of millets annually. Likewise, the amount of maize produced per year is about 28.6 million tonnes. It may also be added that millets have more proteins (7.3 m per 100 g), fat (1.7 g per 100 g) and fibre content (4.22g per 100g) than rice (protein content 2.7 g per 100 g; fat content 0.3 g per 100 g; and fibre content 0.4 g per 100 g).

It is, thus, healthier for us to add more millets in our diet, besides rice and wheat. And wheat is superior to rice as it has more proteins (13.2 g per 100 g), fat (2.5 g per 100 g), and fibre (10.7 g per 100 g).

A common goal

India has about 20-39% vegetarians and 70% of the population eat meat – mainly chicken, mutton and fish (*Devi et al*). India, with its many rivers, has a vast coastline which is rich in fishes. And fshes have high nutritional value and help in reducing carbon footprint (*Nature*, Jude Colman, September 13, 2022 issue).

Thus, with farmers, meat sellers and fishermen, each contributing to India in reducing our carbon footprint, we can hope to be an exemplary nation for the EPA.

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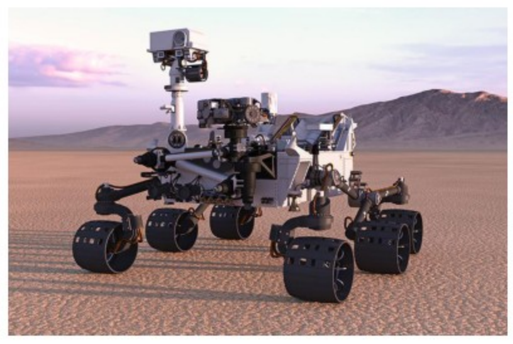
SNAPSHOTS

Japan set to invest $2 billion for future pandemics

After recognising that Japan was slow to develop vaccines for COVID-19, its government has pledged to invest $2 billion in a vaccine-research initiative to ensure that the country can respond promptly to future epidemics. The Strategic Centre of Biomedical Advanced Vaccine Research and Development for Preparedness and Response (SCARDA) will invest in vaccine research for eight pathogens, including Zika virus coronavirus, and monkeypox using a range of vaccine-delivery options such as mRNA technology and recombinant proteins.

Heatwave in China highlights climate change impact

Many parts of China are just emerging from an extreme heatwave that was followed by a severe drought and out-of-season wildfires. Some 360 million people experienced temperatures above 40°C at some point during the two-month-long heatwave. The Yangtze River basin, which is home to nearly one-third of China's population, received up to 80% less rain than the 30-year average for that period. The severity of these events shows how important it is becoming to study several extreme weather events together.



Mars rover finds sedimentary rocks under planet's surface

China's Zhurong rover has peered under the surface of Mars and has found evidence of two huge floods that shaped the landscape. Since May last year, Zhurong has been exploring Utopia Planitia, in Mars's northern hemisphere. Images from the rover's ground-penetrating radar found layered patterns under the surface, which are made of sedimentary rocks carried in by two major floods around 1.6 billion years ago.

Question Corner

Reaction to smell

Do foetuses react to smell and taste while still in the womb?

Scientists have recorded the first direct evidence that babies react differently to various smells and tastes while in the womb by looking at their facial expressions. A study led by Durham University's Fetal and Neonatal Research Lab, U.K., took 4D ultrasound scans of 100 pregnant women to see how their unborn babies responded after being exposed to flavours from foods eaten by their mothers.

Researchers looked at how the fetuses reacted to either carrot or kale flavours just a short time after the flavours had been ingested by the mothers. Foetuses exposed to carrot showed more "laughter-face" responses while those exposed to kale showed more "cry-face" responses, says a release.

Their findings could further our understanding of the development of human taste and smell receptors. The researchers also believe that what pregnant women eat might influence babies' taste preferences after birth and have implications for establishing healthy eating habits.

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How has the SC expanded abortion rights?

What has the judiciary said about reproductive autonomy? What has it remarked on marital rape?

Sudipta Datta

The story so far:

On September 29, the Supreme Court ruled that single and unmarried women with pregnancies between 20 and 24 weeks are entitled to access the same safe and legal abortion care as married women. Interpreting the Rules framed under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971, a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said "the rights of reproductive autonomy, dignity and privacy give an unmarried woman the right of choice as to whether or not to bear a child on a similar footing as that of a married woman." In another judicial recognition of marital rape, which is not recognised as an offence under the Indian Penal Code, the Court also said sexual assault by a man on his wife can take the form of rape.

Do women in India now have equal abortion rights?

Under the current legal framework, and as the Court too noted, the MTP Act lays out exceptions to the provisions criminalising abortion in Sections 312-318 of the Indian Penal Code. The Court was hearing a case of a 25-year-old unmarried woman, whose plea to terminate a pregnancy before the completion of 24 weeks was rejected by the Delhi High Court pointing out that the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 2003, did not extend to unmarried women in a relationship. Taking a "purposive" view of a "beneficial legislation" like the MTP Act, the Court declared that unmarried women be included within the ambit of Rule 3B of the MTP Rules. The MTP (Amendment) Act, 2021, had introduced a key change in Section 3 by extending the upper limit for termination of pregnancy from 20 to 24 weeks. Specifically, Explanation II replaced this point – anguish caused by a pregnancy resulting from a failure of any device or method used by any "married woman or her husband" in the unamended Act – to "any woman or her partner", thus bringing pregnancies which happen outside the institution of marriage within the "protective umbrella of the law".

> 'Constitutional values, such as the right to reproductive autonomy, the right to live a dignified life, the right to equality, and the right to privacy' led the Supreme Court to reinterpret the MTP Act and Rules

What did the Supreme Court lean on to make its decision?

The Bench said "constitutional values, such as the right to reproductive autonomy, the right to live a dignified life, the right to equality, and the right to privacy" led it to reinterpret the contours of the MTP Act and the MTP Rules. "In the context of abortion, the right to dignity entails recognising the competence and authority of every woman to take reproductive decisions, including the decision to terminate the pregnancy," it said.

What is the situation on the ground?

Women's rights activists say a lot more needs to be done so that all women feel safe to take a decision on their bodies. India's abortion laws are moving in a progressive manner, they say, especially in the light of what has happened in countries like the U.S. where the constitutional right to abortion was overturned by the Supreme Court in June. In India, besides patriarchal mindsets and social stigma, unmarried and single women face greater hurdles in exercising a right over their bodies, thus leading to higher risks and complications. Many women are forced to go to quacks when there are unwanted pregnancies, an activist said. As the Court noted, unsafe abortions are a leading cause of maternal mortality. The National Family Health Survey 5 (2019) pegs spousal violence (physical and sexual) faced by women in the age group 18-49 years at 29.3%.

What has the court remarked on marital rape?

The Court said that the meaning of the words "sexual assault" or "rape" in Rule 3B(a) includes a husband's act of sexual assault or rape committed on his wife. "The meaning of rape must therefore be understood as including marital rape, solely for the purposes of the MTP Act and any rules and regulations framed thereunder. Any other interpretation would have the effect of compelling a woman to give birth to and raise a child with a partner who inflicts mental and physical harm upon her." Human rights experts point out that if a person is guaranteed equality, autonomy and dignity under Articles 14 and 21, then marital rape must be termed a criminal offence. Though left out of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act of 2013, the Justice Verma Committee had recommended that the law should specify that a marital relationship cannot be a defence against sexual violation. "A rapist remains a rapist regardless of his relationship with the victim," Justice Verma had concluded.

Did the ban spare PFI's political wing?

Could the Election Commission of India have had a role in the Social Democratic Party of India escaping a crackdown? What is the mandate of this party often associated with the Popular Front of India? Does the ECI have the power to de-register a political party?

S. Anandan

The story so far:

A definitive crackdown on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and eight of its affiliates by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) along with the police last week was capped by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) declaring them as 'unlawful associations' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and outlawing them for five years. The Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), widely thought to be the political wing of the PFI, escaped the ban, with its national president M.K. Faizy ascribing the action against the PFI to 'an undeclared Emergency' prevailing in the country.

What would have saved the SDPI for now?

There's no official word on what worked in favour of the SDPI, a political party that was formed in June, 2009, "for the advancement and uniform development of all citizenry including Muslims, Dalits, Backward Classes and Adivasis" and registered with the Election Commission of India (ECI) a year later. However, it is being surmised that the fact of it being a political dispensation with people's representatives in close to a dozen States and the lack of any tangible evidence of its involvement in 'planned unlawful' activities saved it.

While some top leaders of the SDPI also figured in the senior leadership of the banned PFI, the party was quick to distance itself from the latter, claiming to be an 'independent' entity featuring cadres, members and leaders from all communities and faiths.

"The MHA, if it so willed, could've acted against the SDPI as well, as the UAPA provides for overriding powers to act against any entity found to be involved in acts prejudicial to India's interests. But that wasn't done probably because there would not have been anything suggesting planned illegal activities on the part of the political party," was how Gopal Krishna Pillai, former Union Home Secretary, explained the MHA's action.

Could the ECI have acted against it?

The ECI is largely powerless to deregister active political parties, leave alone recommending a ban on them. "Over the last two decades, the ECI has gone to the Government of India several times over with a bouquet of proposals which include amendments to Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act of 1951, but there has been no progress in this regard," said N. Gopalaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner of India.

> The SDPI distanced itself from the PFI, claiming to be an 'independent' entity with members from all communities and faiths

Shut down: A sealed lock on the door of the Popular Front of India's office in New Delhi. REUTERS

According to Supreme Court lawyer Kaleeswaram Raj, even the limited power of the ECI to deregister a party is not provided by statute, as the Representation of the People Act only empowers the ECI to register a party. "However, in a case between the Indian National Congress and the Institute of Social Welfare in 2002, the Supreme Court held that the ECI can deregister a party (i) if the registration is obtained fraudulently (ii) if there is alteration in the original name or other material particulars of the party or (iii) where a de-registration without even an enquiry is an imperative. For example, if the registration of the political party cannot be continued for the very party becoming unlawful by a declaration by the competent authority to that effect," he explained.

But the SC itself, in the context of hate speech, gave indulgence to the Law Commission to examine whether the ECI should be given the powers to deregister a political party and the grounds for deciding so. Mr. Raj added that the ECI, at the moment, has almost insignificant powers to deregister a party for non-furnishing of details of accounts or donations.

"If the system of electoral bond continues, even the Representation of the People Act or the provisions in the Model Code of Conduct will remain inconsequential to a considerable extent on the issue of fiscal transparency in the dealings of a political party. The Supreme Court has decided to hear the electoral bond issue soon. Unless the malpractice of electoral bond in the present form is totally abolished, our democracy cannot be rescued. Any change in law relating to political parties should begin with abolition of the electoral bond system in India," he said.

How does the SDPI view the development?

Much as it has been ruffled by the ban on the PFI, the SDPI harps on its independence and insists that it's steadfastly focused on social democracy and equal representation for all backward sections at all levels of government. "We have close to 800 seats in local bodies across States such as Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra. An internal survey is being conducted right now to identify at least 60 constituencies – where a Muslim-Dalit alignment could work – from where to contest the Lok Sabha elections of 2024," says Elyas Mohammed Thumbe, SDPI national general secretary.

Ashraf Moulavi, the party's Kerala president, vouches for its financial, ideological and functional transparency and accountability, stressing that the party worked for "India's pluralism, Constitutional guarantees and cultural ethos".

Any Indian citizen regardless of caste or faith who abides by these besides meeting the criteria such as being averse to corruption, social evils like alcoholism or substance abuse and not being a member of any other political formulation, could become a member of the party by paying a fee of ₹5, Mr. Thumbe maintains. Cadres are selected based on their commitment to the party ideology and activism and given two sessions – on social democracy and on the tenets of a cadre. "Even rationalists are party members. Only, the believers and the atheists should respect each other's belief systems," says Mr. Moulavi, adding that the party doesn't condone violence on the part of its members.

What is in the works now?

Two weeks ago, the Kerala State committee of the party decided to carry out an extensive campaign on October 2 against drug abuse and addiction. "A three-month national campaign, 'Ghulami Na-Manzoor' (Slavery isn't acceptable) had been planned from September, but that has been put off to a later date in view of the uneasy political developments," says Mr. Thumbe.

What the Party Congress means for China

What are the three broad objectives on the agenda? Will there be any changes in policy and leadership? Will Xi Jinping further consolidate power? Will the Congress lead to a lift of the stringent 'zero-COVID' policy and begin to finally consider an exit strategy?

Ananth Krishnan

The story so far:

On October 16, the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) will convene in Beijing for a week-long gathering. The 20th National Congress of the CPC, a once-in-five-year event, will mark sweeping changes in the leadership of China's ruling party, amend the party's constitution, and set the policy direction for the next five years, which will impact both China's domestic and international policies.

What happens at a Party Congress?

The CPC convenes a national congress every five years. On September 25, the party announced it had chosen 2,296 delegates to attend this year's event, representing various provinces, the military, different ministries, branches of government, and society. Choosing new leadership, amending the party constitution, and setting the main policy direction are the three broad objectives of a congress. The delegates "vote" on various resolutions, including amendments to the CPC's constitution, and in theory, choose a new Central Committee, which in turn is supposed to "elect" a new Politburo and Politburo Standing Committee (PBSC). In practice, however, the amendments and personnel appointments are decided in advance by the party leadership, and not by the delegates who merely rubber stamp the decisions. The party briefly considered the idea of "straw polls" to elect the Politburo and PBSC, which was introduced in 2012. It was, however, discarded by current General Secretary Xi Jinping at the 19th Congress in 2017, with the party later saying the process had been "corrupted". Former security czar Zhou Yongkang and former Chongqing party chief Sun Zhengcai, who was once seen as a likely successor to Mr. Xi, were both purged and jailed for corruption by Mr. Xi. They were accused of "taking advantage of" the straw-poll system with "votes-soliciting corruption" activities. At the last congress in 2017, Mr. Xi abandoned the voting system and, according to the party, held "direct consultations" with 57 serving and retired party leaders to decide on personnel appointments. Mr. Xi is thought to have similarly done so ahead of this year's congress.

> Recent dictums have called on the party to enshrine Xi Jinping's 'core status' and his ideology as priorities

Red flags galore: A woman takes a photo of a baby in front of an installation celebrating the 20th Party Congress in Beijing on September 29. AFP

What are the likely changes in leadership in the offing?

Perhaps the most significant outcome of any congress is the selection of the next PBSC, the party's highest ruling body. Since 1992, congresses, every 10 years, have also selected a new party General Secretary, with Jiang Zemin taking the reins in 1992, Hu Jintao in 2002, and Xi Jinping in 2012. The 20th congress this year will mark a break in the 30-year precedent, with Mr. Xi, in 2018, ending term limits and the 10-year norm that had enabled smooth transitions of power, throwing into uncertainty how future successions in leadership will take place. There will, however, still be sweeping changes in the rest of the top leadership, including the 25-member Politburo and the 7-member PBSC, with leaders aged 68 and higher set to retire. Mr. Xi (69) is the lone exception to the "seven up, eight down" age rule. While at least two of the current PBSC will retire, four others, including second-ranked leader and Premier Li Keqiang, are under 68, so could continue. Mr. Li will, however, step down as Premier having served two terms. The composition of the next PBSC and the selection of the next Premier will serve as key indicators of the extent of Mr. Xi's influence, reflected in how many of his appointees will assume top positions in the next leadership, or whether Mr. Xi will have to compromise with other power-centres in the party and accommodate their preferred appointees instead, such as officials close to the former leaders, Mr. Jiang and Mr. Hu. The Chinese military will also see a sweeping change in its top leadership, with the Central Military Commission, which Mr. Xi will continue to lead for another five years, set to choose new members.

What are the implications?

Besides the changes in personnel, the congress will pass amendments to the party constitution, and indicate the broad directions in policy for the next five years, which will be outlined by Mr. Xi in a speech to the congress. At the previous 19th Congress, Xi Jinping's ideology, officially called "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era", was written to the constitution, elevating him on a par with Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping as the only leaders with eponymous ideologies in the constitution. New amendments may formalise Mr. Xi's status as a "core" of the party leadership. Recent pronouncements have called on the party to uphold what it calls "two establishes" – enshrining Mr. Xi's "core status" and his ideology as a leading priority for the party. This will likely indicate even more centralisation of power in the coming term.

On the policy front, continuity, rather than change, is expected. The current Central Committee's annual plenum in 2020 approved the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) and Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035, which emphasised some of Mr. Xi's campaigns, including "common prosperity" to reduce inequality as well as address monopolies, particularly with regard to private firms in the tech sector, which has seen a crackdown; "dual circulation" to give more primacy to the domestic market as a driver of growth to complement external trade; and self-reliance in key strategic sectors. The immediate concern for many in China, however, is whether Mr. Xi will decide to continue with his "zero-COVID" policy or begin to finally consider an exit strategy, after the conclusion of the congress which is expected to hail the success of China's pandemic response as one of Mr. Xi's biggest legacies.

The democratic leftist

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

The former two-time President, who has promised a new form of welfarism with ecological and infrastructure spending, is taking on the Latin American country's far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro in today's elections

Srinivasan Ramani

On Sunday, Brazil will vote in the first round of presidential elections to determine the fate of incumbent Jair Bolsonaro who is expected to face a massive challenge from former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, mononymously called Lula. Polling has shown that the former President is ahead of Mr. Bolsonaro with some polls suggesting that the gap is more than 14% points, enough for Lula to win in the first round itself.

On first glance, this should not be a surprise – Mr. Bolsonaro, a far-right politician, presided over a disastrous COVID-19 pandemic response in the country with nearly 700,000 registered deaths and an economy that is slowly bouncing back but is still ravaged by high inflation (as high as 11% recently). The Bolsonaro regime consistently downplayed the threat of the virus and was lax in implementing vaccination and lockdown strategies to combat the pandemic. To shore up his sagging popularity, the regime resuscitated a cash transfer scheme to the poor to tamp down the effects of high inflation, but has also increased the government's gross debt to GDP ratio to a high 90%. Mr. Bolsonaro clearly does not enjoy the benefits of being an outsider to the establishment as he did in the 2018 elections. He has also got to reckon with the candidacy of Brazil's most well known politician, Lula.

A former union leader who has come from humble origins, Lula served two terms as the head of State between 2003 and 2010, before demitting office to his successor Dilma Rousseff of the Workers' Party (PT) that he helped found in 1980. As President, Lula led his country through a period of economic growth and utilised a period of high commodity prices in the international market to subsidise programmes such as Bolsa Familia that instituted conditional cash transfers for the poor and lifted an estimated 20 million people out of extreme poverty. Lula's two-terms coincided with the pink tide – the rise of left-wing regimes in Latin America – and he served as one of the key leaders of initiatives for intra-continental cooperation besides a promoter of multilateral international organisations such as BRICS. By the time he demitted power, Lula's personal popularity and that of his regime's philosophy, Lulismo, remained high in Brazil.

Lula's rule, however, was qualitatively different from the more radical socialist-oriented regimes in Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia. While his working class origins and leadership of a strong trade union in the late 1970s during the military dictatorship in Brazil firmly put him in the Left, his government utilised policies of conciliation and negotiation to advance welfare, and did not quite disturb the hold of the traditional Brazilian elite over institutions of power.

Talk with the elite

The 2000s saw the participation of more Brazilians in the polity and a greater democratisation but the PT's strategy of negotiating with the elite in Brazil's Congress and other institutions ensured that the corruption in the highest circles in the country remained intact, affecting even Lula's party.

The controversial Car Wash scandal, which revealed systematic corruption in the way contracts were awarded by executives of the state-owned petroleum company Petrobras and implicated several politicians, administrators and businessmen, led to the fall of the Dilma Rousseff presidency by impeachment in 2014. Even if Ms. Rousseff was not directly implicated in the scandal, it resulted in the decline in popularity for the PT. Lula himself was arrested, convicted and was barred from participating in the 2018 presidential elections, but was released in 2019 after documents leaked by journalist Glenn Greenwald pointed to collusion by Judge Sergio Moro with the prosecution. Brazil's Supreme Court ruled in March 2021 that justice was biased against him, resulting in the cases against him being annulled and allowing him to run for President again.

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Tackling authoritarianism is not new to Lula, though. In a book that came out in 2020, author John D. French writes about how Lula rose from humble origins to become a machinist in the fast industrialising Sao Paulo region and later, a popular working class leader by mobilising industrial workers in massive strikes during the dictatorship in the late 1970s. Lula's style has always been to utilise dialogue with political opponents without giving up on an ability to "stand up and fight, when needed .. [through] an additive and transformative politics of cunning executed by creating spaces of convergence through difference". Lula emerged as one of the key politicians in the newly democratic Brazil of the late 1980s after having cut his teeth as a working class leader and a leader of a national trade union confederation. His style of leadership and an ability to speak to Brazil's poor through a unique "vernacular discourse" was intact both as a trade unionist and a popular politician and the leader of the PT.

Once in power, he continued to use the strategy of dialogue but moderated the ideological impulses of the PT even as he embarked upon welfare programmes that benefited the party's core base. Yet, the PT and Lula's critics in the left spectrum in Brazil argue that the party's strategy to utilise a policy of conciliation and negotiation with the traditional elite allowed it to pursue reforms without blowback but it also helped the fortunes of the richer sections in Brazil – particularly those in the agro-economy sector. They argue that this also paved the way for the parliamentary "coup" from the Right that led to the impeachment of Ms. Rousseff besides the corruption cases giving a fillip to the rise of the far-right led by Mr. Bolsonaro.

Mr. Bolsonaro has never hidden his support for the erstwhile military dictatorship and has also suggested, in Donald Trump-like fashion – to whom his personality and politics are likened to –, that a loss in the elections would only mean electoral fraud, suggesting to his supporters that he will not accept defeat. There is now fear among some Brazilians that Mr. Bolsonaro and his supporters might stage an insurrection in the likelihood of an electoral defeat.

Social liberalism

If Lula triumphs against Mr. Bolsonaro as polls seem to suggest (they could go wrong, in 2018, Mr. Bolsonaro won 46% of the vote in the first round while polls indicated that he may win 40%), it would be a victory for political decency and social liberalism over far-right populism and crass political discourse in Latin America's largest country. Lula has promised that if he comes to power, he would implement new welfare, ecological and infrastructure spending schemes based on Keynesianism. But it would be a struggle for him to negotiate with a truculent and more powerful Brazilian Congress than during the 2000s.

THE GIST

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God, family and homeland

Giorgia Meloni

The Brothers of Italy, which campaigned on an anti-immigrant and pro-Christian values platform, is set to form the first far-right government in the country since Mussolini

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Less than a month after Sweden elected to power a right-wing coalition that included a party with a neo-Nazi past, Italy has followed suit. In the general elections held on September 25, the Brothers of Italy, a party with neo-fascist roots headed by Giorgia Meloni, 45, emerged the largest with 26% of the vote. Ms. Meloni's coalition, which also comprises the right-wing populist Lega Party headed by Matteo Salvini, and Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right Forza Italia, garnered 44% of the vote to secure a clear majority. Their main opponent, the centre-left Democratic Party, could muster only 19%.

The electoral outcome is a historic one. For one, Italy will get its first ever woman Prime Minister in Ms. Meloni. And it is the first time since the Second World War that the Italians have handed the reins of power to a party whose lineage goes back directly to Benito Mussolini. Ms. Meloni, on her part, has worked hard to shed the fascist baggage and recast her party in the conservative mould. She has insisted that her party has "handed fascism over to history" and "unambiguously condemns the suppression of democracy and the ignominious anti-Jewish laws". Yet she is not averse to extracting political mileage from fascist symbolism, and has laid bare the nature of her political inspiration in her memoir, *I am Giorgia, My Roots, My Ideas* (2021)

As she details in her memoir, Ms. Meloni grew up in a working class neighbourhood of Rome and her political awakening occurred at the age of 15 when she joined the youth wing of the Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI), a party founded by former members of Mussolini's fascist dictatorship. In the 1990s, when the MSI rebranded itself as the National Alliance (AN), Ms. Meloni became the president of its youth wing, and by the age of 29, she was a member of Parliament. In 2008, when the AN was in an alliance with Forza Italia, Mr. Berlusconi appointed her the Minister of Youth, making her Italy's youngest ever Minister.

Her boldest political move came in 2012, when Italy was grappling with a severe recession in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. Ms. Meloni chose this moment to strike out on her own by co-founding the Brothers of Italy. Although she insists it is a conservative party and has no truck with fascism, she chose to retain the tri-colour burning flame of the MSI in her party flag.

Political slogan

She campaigned in this general election on a platform that was openly anti-immigrant and anti-LGBTQI. Her political slogan of "God, family and homeland" was predicated on an aggressive valorisation of Christian identity, 'family values", and Italian ultra-nationalism that was hostile to Muslim/Arab/African cultures and identities. Despite her aggressive anti-liberal political posturing, Italy's famously Byzantine system of checks and balances suggests that it won't be easy for Ms. Meloni to translate her far-right agenda into law or policy. For instance, her proposal to amend the Constitution to introduce a directly elected President in place of the current Parliamentary system will likely remain a non-starter. Moreover, Italy has been allocated the largest chunk of the EU recovery fund, worth €200 billion, and any move that falls afoul of the EU's human rights norms may jeopardise it.

Ms. Meloni knows that too. Although the Brothers of Italy was launched as a vehicle opposed to EU integration and bats for national sovereignty over kowtowing to the EU bureaucracy, she has toned down the anti-EU rhetoric. Also, notwithstanding the fact that both her coalition partners, Mr. Salvini and Mr. Berlusconi, are known to be close to Russia's Vladimir Putin, she has been steadfast in condemning Russia over the Ukraine attack, supports NATO and endorses sending military aid to Ukraine. Not surprisingly, some liberal observers consider her a 'disciplined' or 'smarter' version of Donald Trump – and therefore dangerous – for she is an example far-right politicians in other countries might want to emulate to broaden their appeal and quicken their ascent to power.

First among equals

Gen. Anil Chauhan

Among the tasks awaiting the new Chief of Defence Staff is the roll-out of theatrisation, the reorganisation of the armed forces into theatre commands

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Both hail from Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand and were commissioned into 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army three years apart – 1978 and 1981. They are India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late Gen. Bipin Rawat and the second CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan, who took over the top military post on September 30.

However, they are contrasting in their demeanour. Gen. Rawat was outspoken, including while speaking at public forums or interactions with the media. Gen. Chauhan is calm and measured, but firm in putting across his views, said a serving officer who had worked with him closely on several occasions. "He likes to keep a low-profile," the officer said, requesting anonymity.

It is unprecedented in India's military history that a retired three-star officer is brought back to Service, 16 months after he 'hung up the uniform', elevated as a full General and appointed first among equals, before the three Service Chiefs. As CDS, Gen. Chauhan will also function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister on all tri-service matters as well as head the Department of Military Affairs as Secretary. He will also be the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. Post-retirement, Gen. Chauhan took charge as the Military Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat, where he was working closely with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, till the appointment. Gen. Chauhan was the Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) at the Army Headquarters from January 30, 2018 till August 31, 2019 when Gen. Rawat was the Army Chief. During this time, he was closely involved in India's response to the Pulwama terror attack, which resulted in the death of 40 personnel.

'Operation Sunrise'

As the DGMO, Gen. Chauhan oversaw 'Operation Sunrise', the coordinated operations undertaken by Indian and Myanmar armies on insurgent groups taking shelter across the border, which in a way broke the backbone of northeast insurgencies, said the officer cited above.

Gen. Chauhan commanded an Infantry Division in Baramulla sector in Jammu and Kashmir as a Major General and the Dimapur-based 3 Corps as the Corps Commander. He has a very good understanding of counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism (CI/CT) situation on both sides, the officer stated. As Eastern Army Commander, he ensured that the Army's focus was shifted from CI to the conventional task along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) as Op Snow Leopard was underway in Eastern Ladakh, he said, referring to the May 2020 stand-off. He took over as the Eastern Army Commander in September 2019.

This period also saw significant scaling up of infrastructure development along the LAC and as the Army Commander, he pushed it, the officer added. A highly decorated officer, Gen. Chauhan has authored two books – *Aftermath of a Nuclear Attack* and *Military Geography of India's Northern Borders*.

While the institution of the CDS is still evolving, the groundwork for it and the tasks ahead had been laid down by Gen. Rawat, before his untimely death in a chopper crash last December. With that, Gen. Chauhan has his tasks cut out and has to pick up the threads from where they were left. Among the several tasks lined up, the top priority would be the roll-out of the process of theatrisation, the reorganisation of the armed forces into theatre commands meant to bring in synergy and optimise resources.

Gen. Chauhan has a good understanding of theatrisation and made positive contributions during the earlier deliberations, said another officer.

With the maximum age limit for the CDS set at 65, Gen. Chauhan, 61, has a tenure of nearly four years and will likely outlast the next batch of Service Chiefs. The Defence Ministry statement on his appointment had only said "with effect from the date of his assumption of charge and until further orders." This gives him enough time to build consensus, ensure a smooth roll-out of theatrisation and see their stabilisation as well.